

# Assignment

ENGL 314: Technical Writing

## Code of Ethics Analysis

**Due:** July 14, midnight

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**Value:** 50 points (5% of overall grade)

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**Description and Rationale:** Whether or not you have thought much about it, ethics will likely play a frequent role in your decision-making in the work place. We often have to make decisions about people's safety, health, status, cultural background, abilities, and more in relation to costs and the image of the company for whom we work. Sometimes an ethical dilemma can jeopardize our career or affect one person or thousands. It is important that we recognize early what some of the ethical dilemmas might be in our own fields and know where we stand on certain issues. In particular, communication has some serious ethical consequences. For this reason, you will be investigating a code of ethics in your profession and evaluate it. More specifically, you will look at the ways in which communication in your field's code of ethics is discussed.

**Assignment:** For this assignment, you will be researching the website of a professional organization in your field that has a code of ethics (you can usually find this easily by simply going to Google and typing in the name of your field [i.e. "Engineering"] and "code of ethics.") As you read through this organization's code of ethics, locate the areas in which some form of communication is mentioned. Then, consider the kinds of communications you will likely produce in your profession, and do a self-analysis. **Write a 250 – 500 word short essay** that explains what kinds of ethical decisions you think you will be faced with, particularly in the realm of communication. Explain how you can prepare yourself for making tough ethical decisions.

**Scoring Standard:** You will be graded on your ability to do the following:

- Write between 250 and 500 words about ethics in your field
- Demonstrate knowledge of a code of ethics in an organization related to your field
- Analyze and explain the kinds of ethical decisions you will likely be faced with in your field, particularly in relation to communication issues
- Express how you feel you can prepare yourself to make appropriate decisions in difficult circumstances