

MA 391 ESSAY # 1

Choose ONE of the two topics below for your essay. Be sure to provide evidence in support of your conclusion. Your essay should be typed, double spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman font, at least 750 words.

- (1) How has ranked choice voting fared in the places where it has been used? (For example, Maine and various US cities.) Is there evidence that it is producing “better” outcomes? Would you advocate for ranked choice voting in your home state or city?

- (2) Does Arrow’s Theorem constitute a serious threat to the democratic ideal? Why or why not? What does Arrow’s Theorem imply about our ability to hold meaningful democratic elections?