

First paper

Length: 1-2 pages (regular 12 point font, 1-inch margins)

Citations: You can use any accepted citation style (e.g. MLA, Chicago, etc.) as long as you use it consistently and correctly. As an aside, you are not expected to do much citation in this assignment.

Due: 11:59pm Sept. 5. You will submit a PDF or Word document through Canvas.

Assignment:

In this short paper, you will explain, given what you have read and learned about moral theory so far, how you think moral theory, or moral thinking more broadly, will be relevant to you in your professional career.

While this assignment is in broad strokes simply a “reflection,” note that you will have to *give reasons*. So, for example, your paper cannot consist in simply a record of your feeling, e.g. “I feel like moral theory will be important to me because I feel like it’s important to do the right thing” and the like. You need to write as if you are trying to convince someone to adopt your own viewpoint.

Grading Rubric

- A: An A-grade paper will be insightful, going beyond what we’ve covered and synthesizing the material with your reflections on your professional career. It is well written, and convincingly reasoned.
- B: A B-grade paper will show understanding of the material we’ve covered, and at the very least articulate a genuine attempt to make sense of the role philosophy can play in your life. It will be clearly written, and reasonable, if not entirely convincing.
- C: A C-grade paper will demonstrate an attempt to understand, if not actual understanding of, the material we’ve read and discussed in class. It might articulate a half-hearted or disingenuous attempt to apply what we’ve covered to your professional career. It might be sloppily written, and poorly reasoned.
- D: A D-grade paper will not evince understanding or any real attempt to apply what we’ve learned to your professional career. It will be poorly written.
- F: Anything that does not meet the lowly standards of a D-grade paper will receive an F.