Formal Paper Assignment

Topics in Political Philosophy

# General Instructions

1. The paper is due in class onTuesday. Late papers will be penalized at the rate of a 1/2 letter grade per day unless the student has arranged for an extension at least two days before the due date. Papers that are more than one week late will not be accepted. Extensions will be granted only for illness or other documented factors beyond the student’s control. There will be no rewrites of papers.
2. Students must submit hard copies of their papers; in addition, papers must be submitted as electronic files on the course website.
3. The standards and expectations for philosophy papers are different from those of other kinds of papers. You need to know what these are. That’s the purpose of *Writing Philosophy Papers*, available at <http://tigger.uic.edu/~edelberg/writing_philosophy.pdf>. **This is required reading**.
4. The required length is between 1400 and 2000 words (4-6 pages in standard format). Use the Word Count feature of your word-processing program, and provide an accurate word count at the end of the paper: “Word Count: n.”
5. Not more than 5 lines of your paper, in total, should consist of quotations or near-quotations.
6. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another person without providing proper credit. For information on when and how to provide credit to others see *Crediting Others in Papers: 11 FAQ’s,* available at

<http://tigger.uic.edu/~edelberg/crediting_others/index.htm>**. This is required reading.** **All students are responsible for following the standards described there.**

1. Citations can be in the form of footnotes or endnotes, but not parenthetical entries in the body of the paper. You can use any standard format for footnotes or endnotes, but these must include the specific page number(s) from which each idea is drawn. **When you borrow words or ideas presented in the lectures, cite the passage of the assigned reading from which those ideas are drawn, not the lecture or slides.** This credits the original source, and it shows that you see important points of contact between readings and lectures.
2. Failure to abide by the guidelines described above may result in grade reduction.