

Final Paper Requirements

Please read this document in its entirety before writing your paper.

For your final paper, please pick one of the articles covered in this course and argue for or against its main argument. If the author provides more than one main argument in their article, please pick only **ONE** argument. You are **NOT** required to do outside research, but please make sure to cite the sources if you chose to do so.

Your paper should include the following four components:

(1) a clear thesis and a process statement; (2) a clear exegesis (i.e., summary) of the author's main argument and her reasoning process; (3) your reason(s) for or against the author's main argument; (4) consider at least one objection to your argument and respond to it.

When writing your final paper, make sure to define essential terms before presenting your or the author's argument. Always try to use examples/analogies/thought experiments to back up your argument.

When writing philosophy papers, you can always use the first-person pronoun "I." A process statement is a statement that lays out the steps you plan to take to argue for your thesis.

Sample thesis statement:

In this paper I will argue that sweatshops are oppressive because they force workers into double binds.

Sample process statement:

To do so I will first introduce XXX's argument that sweatshops give workers the opportunity to earn their living. I will then propose my argument against XXX's position, contending that sweatshops are exploitative. I will conclude by considering the liberal objection.

Length: 4-6 pages excluding bibliography (1 inch margin, 12 font, Times New Roman, double-spaced); please include a **WORK CITED PAGE** at the end. It doesn't matter which citation style you use, but please be consistent throughout the paper.

Due Date: please upload your paper to blackboard by **11:59 pm on May 20th ET**

Late Papers: Late papers will be penalized 1/3 of a grade (A to an A-, etc.) per 24-hour period it is late.

Extension Policy: I will grant extensions if you need more time. If you need an extension, please briefly explain your situation and let me know at least **24 hours BEFORE the deadline**

Draft Policy: I don't read drafts, but I'm happy to talk through your ideas. Feel free to see me at any point to discuss your writing. I encourage you to make use of the writing center as well:

<https://writingcenter.baruch.cuny.edu/>

Rubric:

- (1) a clear thesis and a process statement: 5 points
- (2) a clear exegesis (i.e., summary) of the author's main argument and her reasoning process: 10 points
- (3) your reason(s) for or against the author's main argument: 10 points
- (4) consider at least one objection to your argument and respond to it: 10 points
- (5) grammar & precision & clarity: 5 points