

Phil 2, First Paper Assignment

Maximum Length: No more than three pages, double spaced, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Due: Thursday, February 10, by 8:10am (before the lecture starts). Please **email** your paper **to your GSI**. You do **not** need to hand in a paper copy. You will be responsible for any missing or unopenable attachments, or bounced emails. So please take care in attaching your paper and typing the email address. Note that the date and hand-in policy have changed from the syllabus. But the other relevant policies (e.g., late papers, plagiarism) remain the same.

Request: We may circulate to the rest of the class a few papers, *with the authors' names removed*. These will be used as examples, both of things done especially well and of common mistakes. We would be grateful if you would allow us to do this. Everyone will benefit from it, most of all the students whose papers are used as examples. However, if you do *not* feel comfortable with this, then *please say so at the top of your paper*.

Also, if you are seriously considering dropping the class, or changing your grading option, please say so at the top of your paper.

Assignment:

Your paper should do the following:

- Describe an alternative to utilitarianism that consists of aggregation, consequentialism, but *some alternative to* hedonism.
- Describe a scenario that *is* a counterexample to utilitarianism, but is *not* a counterexample to the alternative theory.
- Explain why your scenario is a counterexample to utilitarianism, but not to the alternative theory.
- Is the alternative theory nevertheless vulnerable to some other objection to utilitarianism?