

Phil 2, Second Paper Assignment

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

Due: Tuesday, March 15, 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 hand-in policy has changed from the syllabus. But the other relevant policies (e.g., late papers, plagiarism) remain the same.

Request: If you do *not* feel comfortable with having your paper (with your name removed) used as an example, then *please say so at the top of your paper*.

Assignment:

Write on either **Topic A** or **Topic B**, **but not both**.

Topic A:

What is Aristotle's argument that the good for human beings is exercising the virtues? For this paper, support your interpretation with quotes from the *Nicomachean Ethics*—*not* with quotes from the handouts. What is, in your view, the most serious objection to Aristotle's argument?

Topic B:

What is Hobbes's argument for the third law of nature: that people ought to fulfill their covenants? For this paper, support your interpretation with quotes from *Leviathan*—*not* with quotes from the handouts. What is, in your view, the most serious objection to Hobbes's argument?