

Term Paper

due Thursday, April 2

The bulk of your grade for this course consists of a term paper. This term paper is an opportunity for you to research a specific issue from the course in-depth. This issue should be one of personal interest to you, and one which allows you to grow as a scholar.

Guidelines

Your term paper should be **between 3000 and 4000 words in length** (i.e., 12 to 16 double-spaced pages). The topic of your term paper is up to you; however:

- » **at least 50% of your paper must deal with beauty/aesthetics** (thus you may write a paper relating, say, Aristotle's remarks on beauty to his remarks on politics, but not a paper which is *primarily* on Aristotle's politics); and
- » **at least 50% of your paper must deal with ancient thinkers** (thus you may write a paper comparing, say, Plato's and Heidegger's aesthetics, but not a paper which is *primarily* on Heidegger)

In other words, your term paper must be a term paper on beauty in ancient Greek philosophy, though not exclusively on beauty in ancient Greek philosophy.

Your term paper must defend an original thesis. It may not be a mere summary of material; you must present some analysis or synthesis of the material discussed as well. Your term paper must also go beyond what was covered in lecture (this is part of what I mean by an "original" thesis). This may be accomplished by going more in-depth into something discussed in lecture, or by bringing in readings not explicitly covered in class, or by situating your position with respect to relevant secondary literature.

Formatting

Your term paper may be formatted however you wish, but please remember that it is going to be read by another human. A legible font, ample margins, and appropriate line spacing will all be appreciated. **Please also give your paper a title** which concisely prepares the reader for the paper to come.

Textual citations of Plato or Aristotle should indicate the work title (in italics) and line number, as in “(*Phaedo* 100c)” or “(*Nicomachean Ethics* 1098b14)”. Citations of secondary literature should follow some standard citation style of your choosing.

Turning it in

Please email your term paper in PDF format to willie.costello@mail.utoronto.ca by 11:59 P.M. on Thursday, April 2.

Late papers will be docked 10% if handed in within the first 24 hours after the due date, and 5% for each subsequent 24 hour period after that (unless accompanied by valid documentation, found here: www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca). Late papers may be submitted up to 7 days after the due date; any papers not received by this time will automatically receive a 0.

Grading

Your term paper will be graded on quality of analysis, clarity of writing, cogency of argument, and originality. The grading rubric I will be using will be made available on the course website.