Ethics Research Paper Rubric

Guidelines

This is a three part research paper designed to explore a particular normative theory applied to a particular practical case.

Part 1 (research)

Your research should be directed to the intricacies and outricacies of any normative theory of your choosing. This paper should present the details, and background of this theory (including a brief discussion about the foundations/author of the theory), as well as some of the major problems or objections of this theory.

Part 2 (research)

Your research should be directed to the details of what can be seen as a pressing issue in applied ethics, giving equal attention to both sides of the issue to the extent that a reader could not determine which side of this issue you may reside on.

Part 3 (think)

Use the normative theory you researched in Part 1 in attempt to solve the practical problem you researched in Part 2. Address how the problems noted with regards to your normative theory may be problematic in the application of that theory to your practical issue, as well as a possible way around that problem. In what ways would a solution to this problem be better for you, and in what ways would it be worse? In what ways would a solution to this problem be better for society, in what ways would a solution be worse?

Requirements

1,800 – 2,400 words
Works cited (at least 4 sources)
Abstract (due for approval the day of exam 1)
Write place = +5 points (signed and dated)
Chicago style = +5 points
Not to exceed 100%

Grading scale

Content 50%
Abstract approval 10%
Clearness 10%
Grammar 10%
Good use of quotes and citations 10%
Proper works cited 10%