

### Assessment Rubric – Philosophy 103: Intro to Ethics

#### Have you read the assignment and understood what you're being asked to do?

**No:** Nothing you've written reflects an understanding of the assignment.

**Developing:** You're on the right track but you need to clarify some of your ideas. You may want to reread parts of the assignment.

**Absolutely:** You've understood all that is being asked of you.

#### Have you recognized and summarized the problem?

**No:** You have not recognized the problem and are possibly confused by the issue.

**Developing:** Your summary shows that you have recognized the problem but only in its most basic form. You should consider the complexity of the problem.

**Absolutely:** Your recognition of the problem is clear from your detailed summary and you consider some of the subtleties of the issue.

#### Where are you in the paper?

**Nowhere:** You've simply repeated what you've heard in class without thinking about what you're saying.

**Hiding in there somewhere:** You have something to say but it's hiding among direct quotes. Think about the problem, consider what others have said and then tell me what YOU think.

**BANG! Right in the middle:** You have considered both your own experience and your research to draw your own conclusions. You present your conclusions clearly.

#### What have you done with your research?

**Very little:** You've regurgitated fact, opinion and value judgments without taking the time to think about your research and what it means to the problem.

**Developing:** You're doing a good job but you need to do more work to separate fact from opinion.

**A lot:** You examined your research and questioned its accuracy and relevance to your analysis.

#### You've done the thinking, now how's your writing?

**Not so good:** There's a lack of complete sentences and paragraphs. You have neither proofread nor revised your work. As a result you have way too many errors. You **must** take future work to the Writing Center.

**Good (with room for improvement):** Some silly errors and some sentence structure problems detract from what you're trying to say. Proofread more carefully in future and think about taking your work to the writing center.

**Excellent:** Very well written with very few errors. Carefully proofread and your thoughts are communicated clearly at all times.

#### So where are you headed?

**Wrong direction:** We should talk sooner rather than later.

**Right direction:** Keep working hard and you'll get to a good place.

**In a good place:** Enjoy the moment but don't stop working hard.