

## Grading Rubric for Phil 490 written work

### Technical and Formal Requirements

A (excellent)	B (good)	C (average)	D (poor)	F
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The paper meets the formatting specifications for the essay.				
The paper is of sufficient length.				
There are no spelling errors.				
Punctuation is used correctly throughout.				
There are no grammatical errors.				
You express yourself clearly and precisely.				
Repetition of points is avoided.				
Sources are adequately cited using footnotes or in-text citations.				
Effort made in revising paper after comments on earlier draft.				

### Essay Structure

The introduction indicates the thesis and the logical structure of the essay.				
The organization of ideas follows a logical progression.				
There are no irrelevant points or side-issues.				
Sections and paragraphs provide a good sense of the development of the argument.				
The conclusion sums up the answer to the question.				

### Philosophical Content

The essay displays engagement with the material on the topic.				
The content of the essay reflects accurate knowledge of the material.				
Philosophical concepts and terms are defined and analyzed.				
More than one view-point is presented and contrasted, and there is no bias.				
Points are supported by philosophical arguments and reasons.				
There are no contradictory statements.				
Strengths and weaknesses of views are critically discussed.				
The essay succeeds in answering the question.				
There is evidence of independent or critical thinking.				