

# Philosophy Paper Rubric

## Requirements for an A

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1. Your introduction clearly indicates what I am about to read: you state your thesis and (briefly) how you will argue for it.
2. You make a compelling argument in which your conclusion follows clearly from your premises and the premises are plausible.
3. You write clearly.
4. Your paper has a clear structure; each paragraph contains signposts and clearly serves your argument.
5. You explain other people's arguments/texts clearly, accurately and charitably.
6. Whenever you reference a text, you cite it.
7. You use quotes only when necessary.
8. When/if you use quotes, you explain them.
9. You consider strong objections to your claim.

## A-

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Your paper failed to meet **one** of the above requirements.

## B+

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Your paper failed to meet **two** of the above requirements.

Papers in this range usually suffer from two of the following: an unclear structure, making general and unsupported claims, or a misrepresentation of others' arguments.

## B and below

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Your paper failed to meet **more than two** of the above requirements.