

Paper Assignment #3: Revise and Re-submit (Revised Draft). Due Wed April 29.

After an essay has been submitted to an academic journal in history & philosophy of science, the editors of the journal will send it to two or more referees for blind review (if, that is, the editors think the essay is worthy of consideration for publication). Referees are faculty at academic institutions who specialize in the topic of the submitted essay. Each referee then submits a report to the editors that evaluates the essay in terms of its strengths and weaknesses, and assesses whether or not it should be published. A referee can recommend that the essay is not worthy of publication, or that it is worthy of publication if the author makes major revisions to it, or that it is worthy of publication if the author makes minor revisions, or (in rare cases!) that it is worthy of publication without *any* revisions. It's then up to the editors to compare all the reports on the essay and make a decision. In this assignment, you will produce a revised draft of the first draft of your essay by responding to the referee's (i.e., the grader's) report.

- (a) Your revised draft should be submitted to the link in the Brightspace Assignments folder. It should consist of two parts:
 - (i) A summary of 1-2 pages that explains how the revised draft addresses each point in the referee's report. Your summary should be in the form of a numbered list of items, with each item explaining one of the points in the referee's report, and the page number(s) of the revised essay on which this point is addressed. Your summary should be attached to the front of your revised essay.
 - (ii) Your revised essay. This should be no less than 15 pages and no more than 20 pages (not including the summary, title page, and bibliography). Your revised essay should be typed, 12-point, double-spaced and spell-checked.
- (b) Your revised draft will be graded on how well it responds to the referee's report, and how well it integrates this response into the essay. A revised draft should not simply consist of the first draft with a new section tacked on at the end. A revised draft will require you to remove or reduce parts of your first draft in order to both respond to the referee's report and to remain within the maximum page limit of the essay.
- (c) Make sure that your revised draft follows the Paper Guidelines discussed in class. (This is really important if you forgot to do this in your first draft!)
- (d) In all cases in this seminar, the author (you) of a first draft will be asked to make significant revisions to it (so don't worry that other students may be getting off lightly: they aren't).
- (e) Late paper policy: If circumstances prevent you from submitting your revised draft by the due date, it will be accepted but will be given a penalty of 1/3 grade point for every period of 7 days after the due date. *Example*: An A paper turned in 1-7 days late will receive an A-. An A paper turned in 8-14 days late will receive a B+. An A paper turned in 15-21 days late will receive a B, etc. *The absolute deadline for the revised draft is the due date of the final (afterwhich grades must be submitted to the registrar).*

- (f) Submission format: The preferred file type is .pdf. Please label the file you submit using the following format:
Revision_<last name>_<first initial>.<file type>