

Fourth Paper Assignment

Date Due: Thursday, November 29. See [Course Policies](#) on late papers.

Length: The body of your paper should be 1200-1800 words. In Times Roman 12 point, double-spaced with one-inch margins, that would be 4 to 6 pages.

Format: All papers should be typed double-spaced. If you use a font other than Times Roman 12 point, or if your margins are larger than one inch, please include a word count. Please staple your paper together (no folders). Citations may be provided as footnotes or endnotes.

Instructions:

- Choose one topic below – personal identity or freedom of the will – and answer all the assignment questions for the topic you choose.
- Work with [Writing Philosophy Papers](#), available online on the course website.
- Work with [Crediting Others in Papers – 11 FAQ's](#) on the course website.
- Proofread and revise your paper in light of *Writing Philosophy Papers* and *Crediting Others in Papers*.

Personal Identity

Discuss the same-body criterion, the same-soul criterion, and the memory criterion for personal identity over time. Your discussion should (i) state and explain each criterion, and (ii) state and critically evaluate arguments for and/or against each. Where appropriate, your discussion should consider how a criterion might be improved in response to an objection. In light of your overall discussion, which criterion is the most plausible, or the least implausible?

Freedom of the Will

Do we have free will? Do we ever act or choose freely? Explain how hard determinists argue for negative answers to these questions. Critically evaluate their argument. How do soft determinists and simple indeterminists each argue for affirmative answers to these questions? Critically evaluate these two positions. In light of your overall discussion, which of the positions is the most plausible, or the least implausible?