

# Introduction to Philosophy

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## Extra Credit #7: Utilitarianism

### Due Date

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at the beginning of class.

Late extra credit assignments will *not* be accepted unless you and I agree on a reasonable accommodation *prior* to this due date.

### Instructions

Your write-up should be 250–300 words in length and conform to the course's "General Technical Requirements for Formatting Papers". This should be submitted as a computer-type-written hardcopy directly to me.

This extra credit assignment has you listen to a podcast, available on the course website, and do a short write-up addressing some questions about it.

### Topic

Listen to the *Philosophy Bites* episode with Roger Crisp discussing utilitarianism, and answer the following questions.

### Questions

1. According to Crisp, what are the main components of utilitarianism? What is the difference between Bentham's and Mill's respective versions of it? How did Mill respond to criticisms of his theory?
2. What do you think? Is utilitarianism a sensible theory of morality?