

# SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

## FOUNDATION ASSIGNMENT #5: SPECS

Satisfactory		Not Satisfactory
Particular Specifications for this Foundation Assignment		
Structure	The assignment is a six-bullet-point, one-premise inferential outline.	The assignment is not a six-bullet-point, one-premise inferential outline.
Length	The assignment is no more than 225 words in length.	The assignment is more than 225 words in length.
Thesis Statement	The assignment clearly and correctly states the main thesis (or central position) of the author's argument as indicated by the topic prompt.	The assignment has no single, clear, and accurate statement of the main thesis (or central position) of the author's argument as indicated by the topic prompt.
Context for the Thesis	<p>The assignment ensures all new or unusual terms and course jargon are well-defined.</p> <p>Any necessary background information (key concepts, theories, etc.) for understanding the main thesis is accurately explained.</p>	<p>The assignment does not clearly define new or unusual terms and jargon.</p> <p>Any necessary background information (key concepts, theories, etc.) for understanding the main thesis is poorly explained or not explained at all.</p>
Premise	<p>The assignment correctly states the premise, as indicated by the topic prompt, that the author offers in support of their main thesis.</p> <p>This premise is made clear and, as much as possible, presented in a single statement.</p>	The assignment has no single, clear, and accurate statement of the premise, as indicated by the assigned topic, that the author offers in support of their main thesis.
Context for the Premise	Any necessary background information (key concepts, theories, etc.) for understanding the premise is accurately explained.	Any necessary background information (key concepts, theories, etc.) for understanding the premise is poorly explained or not explained at all.
Plausibility	The assignment presents a clear, compelling, and generally accurate summary of why the author believes the premise is plausible, compelling, and/or difficult to deny.	The assignment has no summary of the why the author believes the premise is plausible, compelling, and/or difficult to deny, or such a summary makes serious mistakes and/or omissions.
Inference	The assignment presents a clear, compelling, and generally accurate summary of how the author uses the premise to entail or otherwise justify their argument's main thesis.	The assignment has no summary for how the author uses the premise to entail or otherwise justify their argument's main thesis, or such a summary makes serious mistakes and/or omissions.
Neutrality	The assignment explains the argument without ever taking a position on whether it is a good argument or not.	The assignment indicates approval or disapproval with the argument that it is supposed to be explaining.
In-Text Citation	The assignment provides a proper APA-style in-text citation of the author's work being summarized.	The assignment does not provide a proper APA-style in-text citation of the author's work being summarized.
End Reference	There is a proper full APA-style end reference for the author's work being summarized.	There is no proper APA-style end reference for the author's work being summarized.

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<b>General Specifications for All Assignments</b>		
Technical Requirements	The assignment generally follows all the "Formatting Requirements" posted on the course website.	The assignment does not follow one or more of the more important formatting requirements: cover page, title page with word count, 12pt font in "Cambria" (the default for MS Word) or something similar, and double-spacing.
Clarity	<p>The assignment generally follows the conventions of standard written English, uses complete sentences and paragraphs as relevant, and does not have other errors hindering comprehension.</p> <p>Most, if not all, words are chosen for their precise meanings.</p>	<p>The assignment diverges from the conventions of standard written English, uses incomplete sentences, has no discernible paragraph structure, and/or has other errors hindering comprehension.</p> <p>Words are not chosen for their precise meanings.</p>
Originality	The assignment expresses everything clearly in the student's own words without ever directly quoting the text, the professor, or any other outside sources.	The assignment includes quotations and/or other material that should have been better paraphrased.
Academic Integrity*	<p>The assignment properly cites and/or acknowledges all its sources using APA-style formatting.</p> <p>As relevant, the submission includes "References" and "Acknowledgments" sections at the end.</p>	<p>The assignment does not properly cite and/or acknowledge its sources using APA-style formatting.</p> <p>The submission has no "References" and/or "Acknowledgments" when one or the other was expected.</p>