

The College of St. Scholastica
PHL 3354 – Management Ethics
Ethical Theories Research Paper (Four Pages, 40 pts)

Popular Ethical Theories - see Ferrell textbook for more information

1. *Utilitarianism*
2. *Deontology-incorporates Kant's Categorical Imperative*
3. *Relativism*
4. *Virtue Ethics*
5. *Justice*

Step 1: Write a brief summary of each theory listed above. Incorporate outside references from the internet or other sources and do not use Wikipedia. Be sure to cite your sources.

Step 2: Select two ethical theories from the list above to research in depth. For each theory research:

- *Ethical Principle: basic premise*
- *Rationale: reasons or claims advocates use for accepting that principle*
- *Practice: how the theory advises us to act in situations*
- *Criticisms: arguments against the theory*
- *Conclusions: your opinion of the theory as an ethical guide for action*

Step 3: Compare and contrast the two theories that you chose in step two. How are the two theories similar, how are they different?

*Step 4: **WRITTEN REPORT** ~ (4 pages double spaced for text plus reference page, 12 point font, 1 inch margins)*

(See APA Research Tools-CSS Library link: <http://libguides.css.edu/APA6thEd> also see <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/02/>)

Outline of paper:

- **Introduction of Theory (premise)**
- **Explanation of Theory (rationale, practice, criticism)**
- **Compare and contrast two theories**
- **Conclusion**
- **Reference Page**

Step 5: Submit your Research Paper as an attached Word Document under Assignments–

Unit 1 Assignment by Sunday at 11:59 p.m.