Essay should be based on the student’s thoughts about the importance of ethics in his/her life and must address the questions described below under “content”. Essay must be created in MS Word. Paper must be saved like this: *Student Last name, Student First name*. Papers not following this file name format will not be accepted.

 **Content**

Provide an overview of philosophy’s importance and the effects that it might have on your life. Make sure your essay addresses the following questions:

1. Would your solution/decision to the problem be better off with or without philosophy?
2. Can philosophy help you live a better life? Why or why not?
3. What kind of philosophical parameters do you use to determine your actions, your thoughts, in summary, how you will make a decision?
4. You made your decision because you think it is the best one possible, right? Do you think that if other people made your same choice, the world would be a better place? Why or why not?

 **Essay Grading**

This essay is a required assignment worth 15 points. It will be graded based on the following criteria:

1. Essay format and structure 2.5 points
2. Presentation of the requested content 5.0 points
3. Coherence/consistence among the ideas/parts of the essay 5.0 points
4. Grammar and spelling 2.5 points