

A.4 Third Paper Topic – Due on November 24.

What you are asked to do? – Please consult again the various guidelines that are posted on the website.

Logistics – The length of the paper should be **1 to 2 pages, 500 to 800 words**. Any paper outside these limits will automatically receive a failing grade.

You are required to deposit a **hard copy of your paper in my mailbox on November 24. by 5pm**. You can also give me your paper in class on November 24.

Grading Policies – You can find a detailed explanation of my grading policies on my website: <http://www.soaziglebihan.org/grading.php>.

Late Assignment Rules – Late Assignments: without prior arrangements with me, *the grade of any late assignment will be lowered by one letter grade a day*.

What to do if you feel that you are in trouble: DON'T WAIT! If you encounter difficulties concerning an assignment, it is almost always possible to make arrangements before the assignment is due. No accommodation is possible once the deadline has passed. COME AND TALK TO ME BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

Academic Misconduct – You are strictly held to the University of Montana Student Conduct Code (<http://www.unt.edu.SA>).

Unless collaborative work is specifically called for, work on assignments and exams is expected to be your own. In case of plagiarism, your assignment will receive a zero. You may fail the class altogether depending on circumstances. Also, I will report the case to the Dean.

I will be glad to answer questions you may have about how to document sources properly. Anytime you take a phrase or sentence from someone, you have to quote it. Anytime you take an idea from someone, you have to cite your sources.

TOPIC – Write a short essay on ONE of the following topics:

Topic 1 :

Do you think it is important to provide an interpretation of quantum mechanics other than the orthodox view? Why? Why not?

In your essay, make sure to consider the various possible stances (realist vs instrumentalist) that one can take toward science.

Topic 2 :

In which sense(s) of “purpose” is evolution purposeless? In which sense(s) of “purpose” can evolution be considered purposeful?

In your essay, make sure to carefully analyze the notion of purpose and to answer the questions in the light of your analysis.