

QFM – Professor K. Debure
Due Thursday, September 8, 2011, 11:30am

Writing Assignment #1

Choose one of the two topics below and write an essay which synthesizes the basic ideas of the specified portion of the assigned reading. Reflect upon how these ideas accurately describe or are very different from your own reasoning and experiences.

Topic #1: Summarize and contrast the concepts of deontology and utilitarian ethics. Which of these two views of ethical reasoning most closely describe your own mode of moral understanding? Provide examples or situations to illustrate your discussion.

Topic #2: In his essay, Professor Bruce Foltz describes a moral theory he calls *naturalistic ethics*. Briefly summarize his explanation of naturalistic ethics. How accurately does this theory describe your own mode of moral understanding? With which of the different perspectives of naturalistic ethics do you most closely identify?

Your paper should be one page long, single spaced with a font size of 12. Margins should be 1” on each side, top and bottom. Please do not include a title block or reiteration of the question at the top of the paper. Simply begin your discussion or essay on the first line. You are expected to proofread and spell check your paper before turning it in.

Please hand write the word “pledged” in the bottom right corner of the page to signify that the essay you are submitting is consistent with the Honor Code.