

Philosophy 5330 Spring 2023  
Tutorial 1

**Purpose:** The purpose of this tutorial is two-fold: First, the tutorial itself will be in an extended conversation with me and two of your classmates for one hour. This will allow me to gauge exactly how well you are understanding the content of the class so far and to allow for the perfect opportunity for you to ask questions, clear up any misunderstandings you might have, and interact at a deeper level with the topics we have discussed in class. Second, I want you to do well on your paper assignment. You will be forced to think about the paper long in advance and you will have a chance to receive feedback to help improve your ideas.

**Task:** You are to produce an outline for your short paper assignment and email it to me and your two other classmates who are part of the same tutorial at least 24 hours in advance. At minimum, a good outline should consist in a clear thesis statement, a brief discussion/explanation of what your thesis statement means, and a list of some reasons why someone should believe that your thesis is true. Ideally, you would also consider objections – that is, give some reasons someone might think your thesis is false, and give responses to these possible objections.

You should read and have thought about your classmates' outlines before the tutorial itself. During the meeting, you should interact with your peers and with me in a helpful and constructive way as a collaborative attempt to improve your paper and those of your classmates.