

Advice for philosophy paper writing

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The **introductory para** should say what you will be arguing, and what the reader can expect.

- Your main claims
- Your method of argument

Don't just say what the topic is.

What do you mean by asking us to explain our method of argument?

The idea of an introductory para is to give the reader an idea of what to expect. It is much like an abstract. So you should outline what kinds of evidence or argument you will present to justify your claims.

Double space your paper. Use size 12 font. Arial or Times New Roman are both good fonts to use.

It is good to split the paper into different **labeled** sections.

Make the structure of the paper crystal clear.

You don't need a big concluding para.

Avoid cliché. E.g. "For millennia man has struggled with the question of X"

Citation style: Use APA unless you prefer some other one. (No abstract, no keywords, no cover page).

Never just paste URLs.

Definitely don't paste very long URLs.

Don't cheat.

Only use AI if I explicitly say you can.

Be very careful using any grammar and style aids like Grammarly because they can lead to a high score on an AI detector. So basically it is better not to use them unless I explicitly say you can.

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