

Final Essay DRAFT

This is a research essay. You are asked to prepare a draft for your final paper. It will not be graded, but it will be peer reviewed. This is your chance to produce the best possible final paper. Answer one of the following questions in essay form:

- 1: Choose a scientific discipline or research program. What do you think is the single greatest ethical problem facing scientists working in this area today? What should be done to address this problem?
2. Find and briefly describe a documented case in which a scientist (or team of scientists) engaged in questionable conduct related to their research. What, specifically, was wrong with the actions taken by the scientist(s) in this case? What are the current measures the scientific community uses to prevent such conduct? Do they work? (Discuss why/why not)
3. Is there such a thing as “forbidden knowledge”? Explain, using examples.

Your essay should be a maximum of 2500 words and your name should be included on either the first or last page. You should cite at least one outside source and one of the sources from the semester (book, class, lecture, etc.)

The essay is **due via email** to both mariscal@dal.ca and lisbeth.witthoefft.nielsen@dal.ca by midnight **November 5th**. Late papers are subject to a penalty.

A few helpful tips:

- ✦ Motivate your issue and present your argument as early as possible.
- ✦ Have a clear thesis statement.
- ✦ Make sure the structure of the paper is clear to the reader.
- ✦ Define your terms.
- ✦ Use “I” semi-formally (I argue... I suggest...). Don’t use “I” to relate inner states (I believe... I think...)
- ✦ Avoid rhetorical questions. Make statements.
- ✦ Avoid relying too heavily on quotes from others.
- ✦ Be precise. ‘Every,’ ‘all,’ ‘never,’ etc. should be used very carefully.
- ✦ Consider the ethical frameworks from chapter 2 (deontology, consequentialism, virtue theory) and how your topic relates to one or more of them.
- ✦ Properly attribute your ideas. Failure to do so is a form of academic dishonesty and subject to harsh penalties. We will check.
- ✦ Use a consistent citation style throughout.

