

UU200 Ethics and Governance

UU200 Assignment 3 - ESSAY GUIDELINES

Submission date: Friday, Week 10

Submission mode: Submit electronic version through Moodle (using turn-it-in) and deliver hard copy to SGDIA secretary, Ms. Prashila Narayan, FBE, Room S102. The hard copy must include the signed declaration at the end of the course outline.

Coursework Weighting: 20%

Objective: To **conduct research** on issues relating to ethics and governance in national, regional and global arenas (**UU200 Learning Objectives 2, 3 & 4**).

Topics: Please select **ONE** of the following topics:

1. Choose **ONE** ethical issue that highlights the debate between **cultural relativism** and **human rights**. What position would a cultural relativist take on this issue and why? How would this differ from the position of a human rights activist? What is your personal stance on this issue?
2. **Bioethics** is the study of controversial ethical issues arising from advances in medicine and biology. Select **ONE** bioethical issue and clearly highlight the arguments **for** and **against** it. Cite at least **three** examples from around the world to support the arguments raised here. What is your personal stance on this issue?
3. Discuss **TWO regional** examples where **senior officials** in **companies, businesses OR government** have acted **unethically**. Link your discussion to principles of governance. Why do you think such practices occur? Why are global ethical standards such as the United Nations Global Compact important in corporations/businesses?
4. Relate the theory of **anthropocentrism** to **ONE environmental issue** affecting the Pacific region. Suggest some ways of tackling this issue by discussing the following concepts: **eco-justice, global ethic** and the **Earth Charter**.
5. Preston (2007: 9) states that "... for good or ill, ethical choices arise in this web of interconnectedness. It has always been so, though arguable, as we move into a new millennium, ethical questions are sharper and the importance of ethics is emphasized in a qualitatively new way." Explain what Preston means by the **web of interconnectedness** and discuss how challenges in the new millennium have seen sharper ethical questions being raised. Your essay should focus predominantly on examples from the Pacific region.

UU200 Assignment 3 - CHECKLIST USING THE RSD FRAMEWORK

1. Embark and Clarify:

- Have you selected **one** of the above topics?
- Have you prepared a plan of the essay?
- Have you attempted to define and unpack the keyword and theories in the essay?
- Do you have a clear understanding of the essay's aims/objectives or purpose?

2. Find and Generate:

- Have you conducted extensive research on the essay topic in the library?
- Have you conducted extensive research on the essay topic using online databases?

3. Evaluate and Reflect:

- Is the information presented in your essay accurate?
- Is the information in your essay from credible "academic" sources? (Note: Wikipedia is not an academic source.)
- Have you thoroughly reflected on the essay topic and information gathered?

4. Analyse and Synthesise:

- Is the essay presented in your own words with accompanying citations where appropriate?
- Is there evidence of analysis and synthesis in your essay?
- Have you cited regional/global examples to substantiate the arguments in your essay?
- Do you demonstrate critical thought in the essay?
- Is your personal stance clear in the essay?

5. Organise and Manage:

- Have you addressed all the parts of the essay question?
- Is the essay structure coherent? Do the ideas/arguments flow?
- Is your essay 1,500 words in length? (Marks will be deducted for essays that are 10% above or 10% below the word limit.)
- Is the essay submitted on time? (A penalty of 10% will be deducted for each day the essay is late.)

6. Communicate and Apply

- Is your essay typed using 12 point font and double line spacing?
- Is your essay written in an **academic style** (following conventions learnt in UU114)?
- Have you proof-read your essay for spelling/grammar errors?
- Have you consistently used the **Harvard referencing style** within the essay (in-text references)?
- Have you referred to **at least 7 books and/or journal articles** in the essay and bibliography?
- Have you cited **at least 3 online (academic) sources** in the essay and bibliography?
- Have you consistently used the Harvard referencing style to prepare the bibliography?
- Have you submitted a draft of your essay using turn-it-in?
- Does the similarity index suggest that you have plagiarised or quoted extensively in the essay?

