

## Assignment: Professional Philosophy

Compose a professional philosophy, summarizing your personal beliefs, attitudes, and values in the context of your major field of study. This assignment demands reflection on basic principles in the major and your response to these principles.

The Professional Philosophy assignment is intended to provide a forum for putting into practice the values segment of the breadth area requirements. The objective is to address key components of personal beliefs, attitude and values as they pertain to your degree in English studies. This assignment is about issues of morality and conviction applied to practice. You are encouraged to clearly delineate what you value in your current and upcoming professional life and to identify key religious, educational, ethical, family, relationship, and life underpinnings contributing to these values. In your paper, please address the following issues:

1. How does your choice of major and a profession reflect upon you as a person? How does it reflect upon your personal and family history? Relationships? Religious views?
2. Why do you believe that you are a "fit" for your profession? What is it about your personal qualities, beliefs and values that can help you serve and advance this profession?
3. Cite five (5) firm principles, axioms or postulates (values, ethics, and beliefs) that will guide you in your work in your chosen profession. (Be personal; do not just reiterate values, ethics or beliefs that you have heard about during your major.)
4. Comment upon the current state of principles and values illustrated by professionals in your chosen field. Are high moral and ethical values being practiced? Include examples of individuals or practices of highest moral and ethical character in your profession.
5. How will you personally address moral and ethical shortcomings or failures in your chosen profession?

Discuss the above issues in a paper of whatever length is necessary to adequately respond. Use the specific affective learning outcomes for the program (listed in the course materials) to guide your thoughts. If applicable, reference specific coursework that has shaped your views today.