

**Essays (choose whichever you like)**

Length = ± 2.5000 words

Time = essays due by 21 February 2026

All essays must (a) carefully engage with Aristotle's relevant texts, (b) locate, read, and discuss at least four (4) academic papers on the topic (these papers must come from international journals and be written in English), and (c) present your own thoughts and arguments clearly and in good English.

1. Analyze Aristotle's function argument (*Nicomachean Ethics* 1.7) and the interpretations it admits of.
2. Analyze how one should understand the identification (or the overlapping) between practical wisdom (*phronésis*) and political science (*politikē epistêmē*) in Nicomachean Ethics 6.8.
3. Analyze Aristotle's portrait of the self-controlled person (*enkratēs*) (*Nicomachean Ethics* 7.2-4, 7-10) and the perplexities involved.
4. Explain and analyze Aristotle's claim that "And pleasure (*hēdonē*) completes an activity not as the state does by being present in something but as a sort of supervenient end, like the bloom on men in their prime of youth." (*Nicomachean Ethics* 10.4 1174b14–33).