Phil 100C: Second Writing Assignment
Spring, 2020

Instructions

Due, as an attachment, via the "Assignments" tool on Canvas, by midnight Thursday, May 14.

Carefully state some apparently undeniable truth from common sense, physical science, or mathematics (e.g., I have two hands; one body can cause another body to move by pushing it; a line contains infinitely many points). Explain briefly why Berkeley nevertheless appears to deny it. Finally, respond on Berkeley's behalf in the following two parts: (a) "I don't deny the statement, if it is understood *correctly*"; (b) "I do indeed deny the statement on another way of understanding it, but, when you understand it *that* way, it is neither good common sense nor good mathematics nor good physics, and in fact it is *absurd*."

All parts together should be 2–3 pages, double spaced. (Needless to say this should be your own original work.[1])

Note that this is not a full scale paper — please do *not* write an introduction and conclusion, summarize other, irrelevant parts of the text, etc. Just focus on doing the above.

You can find answers to some commonly asked questions about my assignments and grading in my FAQ (`https://people.ucsc.edu/~abestone/courses/faq.html`).

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[1]If you have any questions about policies on plagiarism and related issues, please see `https://www.ue.ucsc.edu/academic_misconduct`.