

Assessment Criteria in Philosophy

90-100

A mark in this range is indicative that the work is of **publishable or near-publishable academic standard**. A mark in this range is rarely, if ever, awarded.

80-89

A mark in this range is indicative that the work is of a **superlative standard** for the current level of your degree programme. A mark in this range is not often awarded.

- **Structure:** The work is extremely well-structured and coherent.
- **Research:** The research shows strong evidence of intensive engagement with the primary material and also with an appropriate range of secondary resources.
- **Style:** The writing style exhibits a very high degree of grammatical accuracy and fluency.
- **Presentation:** The presentation conforms to the accepted conventions of good academic practice with respect to referencing and tone.
- **Independence:** Overall, the work demonstrates an outstanding ability for independent thought.

70-79

A mark in this range is indicative that the work is of an **excellent standard** for the current level of your degree programme.

- **Structure:** The work is well-structured and coherent.
- **Research:** The research shows strong evidence of full and critical engagement with the primary material and also with an appropriate range of secondary resources.
- **Style:** The writing is articulate, organised, highly literate and grammatically sound.
- **Presentation:** The presentation conforms to the accepted conventions of good academic practice and tone.
- **Independence:** Overall, the work demonstrates independent thought.

60-69

A mark in this range is indicative that the work is of a **good to very good standard** for the current level of your degree programme.

- **Structure:** The work is generally well-structured and coherent.
- **Research:** The research shows evidence of critical engagement with the primary material and familiarity with a range of secondary resources.
- **Style:** The writing is generally articulate, organised, literate and grammatically sound.
- **Presentation:** The presentation generally conforms to the accepted conventions of good academic practice and tone.
- **Independence:** Overall, the work demonstrates a sound understanding of and reflective engagement with the topic/area of enquiry.

50-59

A mark in this range is indicative that the work is of a **satisfactory to very satisfactory standard** for the current level of your degree programme.

- **Structure:** The work is somewhat well-structured and coherent.
- **Research:** The research shows some evidence of engagement with the primary material and some familiarity with secondary sources.
- **Style:** The writing is basically literate and on the whole grammatically sound.
- **Presentation:** The presentation shows some understanding of the accepted conventions of good academic practice and tone.

- **Independence:** Some attempt has been made to present arguments that are relevant to the topic.

40-49

A mark in this range is indicative that the work is of an **acceptable standard** at the current level of your degree programme

- **Structure:** Some structure is discernible in the work.
- **Research:** The research shows some evidence of familiarity with primary sources.
- **Style:** The writing is intelligible.
- **Presentation:** The presentation is not entirely out of line with the accepted conventions of good academic practice and tone.
- **Independence:** Overall the work demonstrates some minimal understanding of philosophical enquiry.

20-39

A mark in this range is indicative that the work is **below, but at the upper end is approaching, the standard required** at the current level of your degree programme.

- **Structure:** The work is weak and of an inadequate standard. It is too short, or very poorly organized, or is poorly directed at the essay title or question asked.
- **Research:** The research shows very limited knowledge or understanding of the relevant course material.
- **Style:** The writing is poorly structured, exhibits no clear argument, and may have very weak spelling or grammar.
- **Presentation:** The work has very inadequate or absent references and may contain major factual errors.
- **Independence:** Overall the work demonstrates limited understanding of philosophical enquiry.

0-19

A mark in this range is indicative that the work is **far below the standard required** at the current level of your degree programme.

- The work fails to meet one or more of the criteria needed for 20-39.