

General parameters:

- Follow the Blueprint for Writing as closely as you can. The goal here is to get the ideas down in a rigorous, analytical way. Style can be added in the final draft.
- You are expected to abide by all of the writing requirements in the syllabus. Please consult before writing.
- First draft is due **October 11 in class**. The final draft is due **October 25 in class**.
- Papers should be 1500-2000 words including footnotes and bibliography. Please use double-spacing, 12 point Times New Roman font, standard margins, etc.

You have two options for paper topics:

**Option 1:**

Thus far, we have seen several different arguments for and against the idea that knowledge is objective:

<b>Anti-Objectivist Position</b>	<b>Objectivist Rebuttals</b>
Constructivism about truth (Boghossian Chapter 3)	Boghossian, Chapter 3
Relativism about truth (Wiredu)	Boghossian, Chapter 4
Relativism about justification (H.M. Collins, Boghossian Chapter 5, Neta)	Boghossian, Chapters 6 and 7

Choose the anti-objectivist position that you think is the most plausible. Argue either for it or against it.

**Option 2:**

We have read the works of two prominent feminist philosophers—Patricia Hill Collins and Sally Haslanger. Do you think feminists should be constructivists/relativists about knowledge? If so, should they be constructivists/relativists about truth or justification? How should they respond to the criticisms of those positions (what are labeled as “Objectivist Rebuttals” in the right-hand column above)?