

HONORS 210
Spring 2010
first paper

What is science? How does it work? What is it trying to accomplish? In your first paper for this course, I would like you to address these questions, based on

- your own understanding and experience of science;
- the material we are talking about in the course;
- your reading of Kuhn's *Structure*; and
- anything else that seems pertinent.

The restrictions described in the course outline will apply. In particular, the paper should be no longer than three printed double-spaced pages with one-inch margins, and printed on one side of the page. And of course, the paper should be carefully thought-out and organized, and the writing should be clear and correct. I will expect that before it reaches me, the paper will have gone through the several drafts that are usually necessary!

I am deliberately being a little vague in setting the topic, in order to give you the greatest possible freedom in selecting an approach. You need not, for example, take the three questions I raise at the top of the page as an “outline” that must be followed in organizing your essay! Please feel free to stop in if you would like to try out your ideas on me.

We will set a due date a little later in the semester—the paper will not be due until after we have talked about Kuhn's *Structure* in class.