

Introduction to Philosophy

1. Students will identify the major areas of philosophy (e.g., metaphysics, epistemology, ethics and political philosophy, and logic) and explain and analyze (perhaps with reference to historical figures) some of the major philosophical problems in several of these areas.
2. Students will identify and evaluate arguments in general and on philosophical topics.
3. Students will develop and defend a thesis on philosophical topics.
4. Students will critically examine their own views, to try to understand those of others, and to appreciate that on complex matters reasonable people can disagree.