Introduction

The aim of this course is to introduce and to develop the research, writing, and professional skills needed for the successful completion of a Ph.D. in philosophy. In the fall semester we shall have sessions devoted to research methods and writing (with an eye toward the departmental requirements for the degree) as well as various aspects of professional life (conferences, publishing, grants, and the job market). In the spring semester we shall run a writing workshop, in which single sessions will be devoted to the analysis and discussion of each student’s work.

This course is compulsory for, and limited to, first-year Ph.D. students, and the credit does not count toward fulfillment of the 48-hour course requirement for the Ph.D. program.

Texts

You will be provided with copies of the following texts:


N.B. These books are given to you on loan. They will be used for future classes and are to be returned at the end of the year. Please do not write in them and do your best to keep them in good condition. Thank you.