PHIL 6410 Understanding and Wisdom (Analytic)
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The course will mainly deal with contemporary work from epistemology and philosophy of science on these topics, but we will also look at some ancient traditions that are relevant, as well as spend a few classes looking at continental and hermeneutical approaches. A special question will be whether there is anything distinctive about understanding human beings and their artifacts, including texts and works of art. Do these types of things (agents, texts, etc.) require a different approach to understanding than we find in the natural sciences--and, if so, how?