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Note: Due to Covid-19, masks are required when attending class indoors.

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Advanced Writing in Philosophy

This 1-credit course is intended for senior philosophy majors and satisfies the Advanced College Writing requirement. It is taken in conjunction with a concurrently offered 400-level philosophy seminar. In this course, you will be given the opportunity to develop your writing skills in philosophy and your ability to complete a longer research paper.

Learning Goals

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify advanced philosophical questions and write about these questions in a suitable, academic manner.
2. Locate, evaluate, analyze, and synthesize philosophical information from both primary and secondary sources.
3. Identify different points of view and charitably represent these views in your writing.
4. Address your writing to a specific philosophical audience, and do so using suitable philosophical prose.
5. Make use of multiple drafts, revision, and editing as part of your academic inquiries and preparation of your written work.
6. Document and cite primary and secondary sources, and make use of digital archives and online journals.

Course Requirements

1. Information Literacy Exercise: You will complete an information literacy exercise at the Mansfield Library involving how to research and properly cite philosophy sources.
2. Draft and Rewrite of Exegetical Paper: You will write a 3-4 page exegetical paper. You will submit a draft; be given written feedback; revise your paper in light of this feedback; and submit a finished version.
3. Research Paper: You will write a 10-12 page research paper. You will submit a paper proposal; then submit a draft of your paper; be given written feedback; revise your paper in light of this feedback; and submit a finished version.

Requirement	Percentage of Final Grade	Due Date
Information Literacy Exercise	5%	TBA
Draft of Exegetical Paper	5%	March 2
Rewrite of Exegetical Paper	15%	March 16
Research Paper – Proposal	10%	March 30
Research Paper – Paper Draft	15%	April 27
Research Paper – Rewrite	50%	May 11