

Philosophy 101

Explain five problems/issues of the history of philosophy that have shaped contemporary thought.

(Relates to NM HED Competency Area V, 4)

Define the main areas of philosophy: metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, aesthetics, etc.; follow the development of at least one of these sub-fields in the history of philosophy.

(Relates to NM HED Competency Area V, 2)

Analyze a philosophical argument: Identify the thesis that the author is trying to establish. Identify the premises and intermediate statements that allegedly entail the conclusion.

(Relates to NM HED Competency Area V, 1)

Evaluate a philosophical argument in terms of the rigor of its logic and the plausibility of its premises (i.e., in terms of validity and soundness). Develop and effectively present a counterargument, taking into account other perspectives that find expression in contemporary society/the history of philosophy.

(Relates to NM HED Competency Area V, 3)