

Philosophy 156

Critically assess arguments with an aim toward distinguishing what constitutes effective, persuasive, and reasonable rhetorical strategies from the un reasonable and/or unethical use of fallacies and other rhetorical devices.

(Relates to NM/HED Area I, Competency 1)

Demonstrate the ability to engage in well-reasoned discourse on a topic that is relevant to one's social-political existence and avoids recourse to irrational and unethical rhetorical techniques.

(Relates to NM/HED Area I, Competencies 3, 4, 5, & 6)

Write a well-developed, coherent essay presenting an informed point of view on a philosophical question of contemporary relevance, with clear thesis statement and a conclusion as well as correct diction, grammar, and style.

(Relates to NM/HED Area I, Competencies 2, 4, & 5)

Respond to feedback from others with different points of view in articulately and persuasively defending a thesis of one's own.

(Relates to NM/HED Area I, Competencies 4 & 6)