

Syllabus, Fil 4081, Philosophical method and practice
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The course is an obligatory part of the MA program, taken in its first semester. The course helps you develop the skills that are required to do philosophy at an advanced level. It covers a variety of philosophical methods with an eye to practical applications. Particular emphasis is placed on developing writing and project development skills, and on preparing for the MA essay (FIL4091) or the MA thesis (FIL4090). The course also emphasizes other practical skills, such as making oral presentations, contributing to seminars and conferences, organizing discussion groups, and popularizing philosophy beyond academia. You will get an introduction to philosophical research. The exact course contents and emphasis may vary from year to year.

This fall, FIL 4081 will be taught as a series of “master classes” by philosophers in our department, in order to benefit from their expertise and to acquaint MA students more with our faculty members. Each philosopher takes charge of one two-hour session, and assigns the readings for it.