

## **DEPARTMENTAL HONORS IN PHILOSOPHY**

The Department of Philosophy invites highly qualified Philosophy majors to distinguish themselves and challenge themselves by earning Honors in Philosophy through an approved program of independent study and regular coursework culminating in the writing of an honors thesis during the senior year. Students who complete the Honors Program in Philosophy will have the opportunity to work more closely with the faculty, to develop more fully their critical and analytical ability, and to provide a concrete demonstration of their philosophical skill and industry.

### **Admission Requirements**

In order to be admitted to the program of Honors study in Philosophy, a student must have completed at least 60 credit hours of coursework at the University level, and at least two courses in Philosophy. The student must have plans to major in Philosophy, and must have at least a 3.3 GPA in Philosophy. The student must also be interviewed by the Philosophy Honors Committee and receive a favorable recommendation from this committee.

### **Coursework**

Once admitted to the program of Honors study in Philosophy, a student will be advised by the chairperson of the Philosophy Honors Committee, who must approve the student's course study, and who will aid the student in preparing to write an Honors thesis, by suggesting appropriate coursework and reading.

### **Honors Thesis**

In order to earn Honors in Philosophy, the student must complete an independent study project consisting of an extensive philosophical research paper or a series of related research papers. The paper or series of papers, known as the Honors Thesis, will be completed while the student is enrolled in PHI 299, Independent Honors Study, and will be defended by the student before the department faculty at the end of the semester in which the project is completed. The Chairperson of the Philosophy Honors Committee will assist the student in finding a suitable faculty advisor for the thesis project. That advisor will be responsible for grading the project, but the department faculty as a whole will be responsible for determining whether the student will receive the Honors in Philosophy designation on their transcript.