



Foundation: Philosophy and Literature

Literary and philosophical works represent an ongoing conversation about the fundamental ideas and values that shape cultures and civilization. To participate fully in this conversation requires knowledge both of those works that are recognized as defining the history of the conversation, and of works that offer original or critical additions to it in the present. Through the study of great works of Philosophy and Literature, students will come to understand more clearly their own response to the world and to the ideas that give it form and comprehensibility.

Courses in this category will introduce students to the interpretation of a significant body of literary or philosophical work, and assist them in the careful reading, discussion, and analysis of primary texts.

Knowledge Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

1. Explain principles and questions that define philosophy or literature and its contributions to human knowledge and civilization.
2. Explain the relationship between the works discussed, the cultures in which they were created, and the human concerns they illuminate.
3. Analyze and interpret one or more primary texts as a major portion of course content.

Skills Student Learning Outcome 1 (choose one of the following):

Graduates are proficient in:

- a) **Written Communication:** Write effectively for multiple purposes and audiences; or
- b) **Information Literacy:** Identify the need for information; access, evaluate, and use information effectively, ethically, and legally.

Skills Student Learning Outcome 2 (choose one of the following):

Graduates are proficient in:

- a) **Oral Communication:** Effectively prepare and deliver a formal oral presentation. *{Students must give individual formal presentations; group presentations are acceptable if every student presents};* or
- b) **Ethical Reasoning:** Apply ethical principles and codes of conduct to decision making.