Student Learning Outcomes for the Philosophy Area F

Introduction

A student who successfully completes the Philosophy Area F has made the first important steps down the road that leads to knowing how to think about the nature of the world, how we know, how we ought to live, and how to reason critically. The road also leads to the ability to write clearly, concisely, and cogently.

An area F is an introduction to a Bachelors degree, not a Bachelors degree. Students who complete the Philosophy Area F have only begun their studies of philosophy. For this reason, the learning outcomes should be modest.

The student learning outcomes for the Philosophy Area F are:

1. Students will demonstrate an introductory collegiate-level understanding of some of the key debates in the history of philosophy.

2. Students will demonstrate an introductory collegiate-level knowledge of some of the central concepts and theories in ethics, metaphysics, and epistemology.

3. Students will produce written work that shows an introductory collegiate-level understanding of methods of critical reasoning.