

## Applying for Departmental Honors in Philosophy

- 1) To be considered for Departmental Honors, you need to have at least a 3.7 GPA in the Philosophy Major and a minimum 3.25 overall GPA.
- 2) Identify a full-time faculty member as an advisor for the thesis and ask that person if s/he is willing to serve in that capacity. Ideally, you should ask someone whose area of specialization matches or is at least close to the project you intend to pursue. **Note: Faculty members are under no obligation to supervise an Honors Thesis.**
- 3) Once you have an advisor, you will want to agree upon a regular meeting schedule throughout the semester. We recommend that you generate a timeline for completion of the thesis with your advisor at your first meeting early in the semester. You will need to agree upon dates for turning in sections and a draft of the whole thesis before the final version is due. Once your thesis is submitted, the dept. chair, in consultation with your advisor, will assign another dept. faculty member to serve as the second reader for your thesis.
- 4) You must enroll in a 3 credit Directed Readings and Research course (PHIL 4199) if you wish to receive academic credit for the thesis. The dept. chair is the only person who can enroll you in this course and s/he will be happy to do so once you have secured your advisor's permission to sign up for it. Note: if you do not enroll in Phil 4199 for one semester, then you will need to take two Proseminars (PHIL 4198).
- 5) The thesis is due earlier than the end of the semester because everyone has to have read it in time to let CCAS know whether or not you will be awarded honors when you graduate. The final version must be submitted by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- 6) Once the thesis has been submitted, your advisor and faculty reader will decide whether or not it merits departmental honors. Final decisions should be announced by mid-April (within two-three weeks of thesis submission).