



## Philosophy | 2015-2016 Assessment Plan

### 1. Which outcome will you assess?

This year, the philosophy program will assess Outcome 2. This outcome is: Be able to articulate and carefully think through questions about the structure and nature of reality, our place within it, and how we ought to act. We will also assess Outcome 4. That outcome is: Be able to offer a balanced and fair evaluation of major philosophical figures and issues in writing and in public presentations.

### 2. Which technique will you use to assess this outcome?

Our chief means of assessment are through the assessment of philosophical course papers most recently submitted for coursework by seniors and the assessment of students' performances in writing and in public presentations in a history of philosophy course.

### 3. Which course or group of students will you assess on the outcome chosen above and when?

We will assess:

- Graduating seniors in the Exit Interview in the Spring 2016
- Philosophy majors and minors
  - in the class of Fall 2015 Philos 213: Ancient Philosophy and
  - in the class of Spring 2016 Philos 214: Early Modern Philosophy

The assessment of graduating senior will be done primarily in the Exit Interview by the Philosophy faculty members at the interview.

The Philosophy majors and minors in the Philos 213 and Philos 214 will be assessed by Prof. Hye-Kyung Kim and Prof. Chris Martin. They teach the two courses just mentioned. At the end of the Spring 2016 semester, the Philosophy faculty will confer to discuss and come to an overall assessment of the program.

### 4. Who will do the assessment and coordinate the data collection and reporting?

The program chair, Prof. Martin, will collect assessment data from the Philosophy faculty. He will also report on the assessment.