



## Philosophy | 2014-2015 Assessment Plan

1. Which outcome will you assess?
  - We will assess Outcomes #2 (Be able to articulate and think carefully through questions about the structure and nature of reality, our place within it, and how we ought to act.) and # 4 (Be able to offer a balanced and fair evaluation of major philosophical figures and issues in writing and public presentation.)
2. Which technique will you use to assess this outcome?
  - We will use direct and indirect assessment methods. For starters, we ask each outgoing major to submit one earlier piece of philosophical writing and one later piece (preferably from their most recent semester). The faculty read and compare the papers to measure amount of improvement between them. We look for improvement in both writing ability and thinking ability.
  - We also use indirect assessment by meeting with the students (as a group) and asking them questions about their recent paper, recent courses, their development through the program, etc...
3. Which course or group of students will you assess on the outcome chosen above and when?
  - We assess graduating students at the close of the Spring semester. We meet to discuss their papers, ask them questions about the program, and then take them to lunch.
4. Who will do the assessment and coordinate the data collection and reporting?
  - The Program Chair organizes this (currently me, Christopher Martin) and Hye-kyung Kim and Derek Jeffreys also read the papers and meet with the students.