

**PHIL\*6950-01**

**MA SEMINAR [0.50]**

Instructor: P. Sheridan

Brief Course Synopsis:

A seminar course in which students work on developing a range of academic skills for doing professional philosophy. The structure of the course and sequence of the units are timed in coordination with a student's progress through the MA degree program. Units to be covered in the first half of the course will include: grant writing; teaching skills (including discussions of pedagogy and practice teaching sessions); and strategies for formulating and framing philosophical research projects (including workshops on writing thesis proposals). The second half of the course will be geared towards organizing, participating in, and staging a student-run philosophy conference. Units to be covered will include: research skills (including literature reviews and preparing an annotated bibliography); and writing a paper for a philosophy conference (including workshops on paper writing, peer commentaries, attending philosophy talks, and oral presentation and moderating skills). This course is pass/fail and is mandatory for all incoming MA students (note: students must register for it in both fall and winter semesters).

TEXTBOOK(S): TBA

EVALUATION: TBA