Doing Philosophy is a matter of exercising a skill – the skill of analyzing meaning so as to avoid being a victim of nonsense. (Nonsense = Vagueness, irrelevance, self-contradiction, being unaware of hidden presuppositions). Philosophy asks this question: “What does it make sense to say, whether true or false?”

In this course we shall be concerned with analyzing the current political situation in the United States. I hope to show that philosophy is relevant to problem-solving in the real world.