This course is intended for philosophy majors. Its goal is to equip students with the skills necessary for doing philosophy. To that end, the course is about developing philosophical skills: reading philosophically, analyzing texts, extracting arguments, responding to arguments, and importantly, writing philosophically.

The subject-matter of the course will be science. Science is considered by some to offer the best opportunity for knowing about the world. But what is science and how is it different from other ways of knowing about the world? We will examine assumptions about science and we will assess some of the views about what science is. The readings will be diverse: from a variety of sources within philosophy, from sources outside of philosophy, and from different modes of doing philosophy.

The course will be discussion-based, and will involve student debate, individual presentations, and written responses to readings.