

Petition to the Faculty Senate: General Education IB rationale for Philosophy

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We, the undersigned teachers of literature, wish members of the Faculty Senate to understand that on review of the General Education IB proposal by the Department of Philosophy, submitted for the sake of including PHIL 368 “Philosophical Concepts in Literature” as a General Education IB course, that the rationale has merit and that the course should be included as a IB option.

Further, we believe that the letter of response from the appointed review committee does not fully represent the support of many faculty in the departments of English and Modern Languages for the intellectual merit of including Philosophy courses with a literary focus, such as PHIL 368, in this category. We submit this petition for the sole purpose of indicating that the view expressed in this letter does not represent a consensus held across teachers of IB Literature, despite the attempt by the author of the letter to give that impression.

We encourage Senators to vote in support of the motion to make it possible for Philosophy courses to be included in the IB General Education category.

Sincerely,



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