In *Introduction to Philosophy* you will develop the critical-thinking skills needed to write and speak effectively about philosophic method, the mind-body relation, freedom, ethics, political obligation, religious belief, and knowledge. This means being able to identify issues, give arguments for philosophical positions, critique those arguments, and formulate replies to those criticisms. There are no prerequisites for this course.

**Textbook:** selections from the 3rd and 4th editions of *Doing Philosophy* by Theodore Schick and Lewis Vaughn. The readings are available for downloading at the Evans Library Course Reserves Website (http://library-reserves.tamu.edu/areslocal/index.htm). I recommend you print the book, gathering pages together in a spiral- or three-ring binder.

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