PHIL 2143: Philosophy for Children

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Sequence: T/F 3:25-5:05pm

NU PATH:

EI - Exploring Creative Expression and Innovation

This course can be used for one of the Major and Minor requirements:

- Philosophy Major elective
- Philosophy Minor elective
- Ethics Minor elective
- Service Learning Course (will satisfy many experiential learning requirements)

This course explores big questions in philosophy—how should one conduct oneself, what does it mean to know something, are there object values in an aesthetic domain such as art? Offers students an opportunity to learn methodologies and tools of philosophical inquiry and apply them to works of children’s literature in order to be able to facilitate philosophical discussions in the elementary school classroom. Emphasizes creating a community of inquiry and learning how to devise and communicate different answers to philosophical questions at the elementary level. Students develop lesson plans to help engage young children in philosophical discussion and reflection.