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Center for Philosophy, Arts, and Literature

What is PAL?

PAL stands for Philosophy, Arts, and Literature. "Arts" includes theater, painting, film, music, and other arts. PAL exists to encourage and promote work that places literature, theater, painting, film, and other arts in conversation with philosophy without reducing them to mere illustrations of philosophical paradigms. It seeks to foster conversation between writers and artists and scholars and critics by organizing or co-sponsoring conferences, symposia and more informal working groups.

PAL's mission is to show that literature and the arts think as deeply as philosophy, and to encourage dialogue between literature and the arts, and philosophy in ways that don't subordinate the former to the latter, but rather acknowledge them as equal contributors to human knowledge. Underpinning this mission is a vision of human language as use, action, and expression, and thus of every human utterance, including every work of art, literature and philosophy, as a specific intervention in time, and history.

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- Five Graduate Level Courses from at least three different departments at Duke University. The courses must be approved by the Steering Committee. A list of approved courses will be made available on our website.
- Completion of a research paper and presentation of that research paper at a workshop at Duke
- Regular attendance at PAL Forums and PAL events strongly encouraged



Fall 2013 Courses

- XTIANTHE 968 (Divinity) The Theological Aesthetics of the Image (Pfau)
- MUSIC 790S Representations of Sound, Voice and Music in Film (Waeber)

Spring 2014 Courses

- PHIL 947S Philosophy and Literature Graduate Seminar (Flanagan)
- UNC course Man, Animal, Cinema (Inga Pollmann, UNC, see the PAL website for registration and course details)

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