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**Description:**

It is a commonplace of modern discourse to regard scientific writing by well-trained specialists as objective, equitable, and dispassionate. Meanwhile, the word *rhetoric* is loaded down with negative connotations like *manipulative*, *surreptitious*, and *dependent on faulty ad hominem logic*. This is, however, often not the case

In this course we will try to engender in students a keener grasp of high-level academic writing skills, while also examining the history of scientific discourse. Attention will be given to controversies between Karl Popper, Ludwig Wittgenstein, Thomas Kuhn, and Saul Kripke. We will also look at how some controversies in lay publications (e.g., regarding Intelligent Design) reveal how the scientific discourse in American society can be as passionate and partial as its political counterpart.