“...I’ve been in law school for about a month now and I just wanted to share some anecdotal evidence with you. As you can probably guess, the work load in terms of reading is fairly substantial. Luckily though, I haven’t run into any concepts that I could not grasp. In my opinion, the reason I’ve been able to comprehend and really delve into the often dense material, is in large part due to my background in philosophy. There have been many times when I’ll be reading a case, and I find myself analysing the court’s argument in a similar fashion to how I would analyse philosophical arguments. Also, I am accustomed to reading dense material (as much of the texts I read in the philosophy dept. were fairly dense) and I don’t seem to get as fatigued when reading as many of my classmates do....I can honestly say nothing I have read here has been nearly as difficult to understand as reading Fichte or Hegel.... In my opinion, the philosophy department at Duquesne taught me skills that were instrumental in my acceptance (via the LSAT) and current studies in law school. Keep in mind, I attend UVa, which is ranked among the top 10 best law school’s in the
nation. The competition here is admittedly fierce, and yet, I feel that I am right up to speed with the rest of my class.... (Patrick J. O’Malley, J.D. Candidate, 2014 University of Virginia School of Law, B.A., Duquesne University 2011)