

Philosophy

College of Arts & Sciences

Admission Requirements

It is expected that candidates admitted to the graduate program in philosophy will: (1) provide proof of completion of a B.A., B.S., or M.A.; (2) have given evidence of superior skills on the GRE; (3) have achieved an overall grade-point average of at least 3.2 (4.0 scale) in all undergraduate course work; and (4) have achieved an overall grade-point average of at least 3.5 in all graduate course work.

Degree Requirements

The Department of Philosophy offers programs of study leading to the Doctor of Philosophy and the Master of Arts degrees. Ordinarily, applicants for graduate study in philosophy at the University of Kentucky will enter the Ph.D. program. The purpose of the Ph.D. program is to develop the student's ability to do serious, advanced research in philosophy. The program is designed to accommodate the needs of individual students at an advanced level to pursue a traditional degree in philosophy, engage in interdisciplinary research to prepare for professions outside of philosophy itself, or prepare for the profession of teaching philosophy. The Ph.D. program requires the completion of 66 hours of course work, or 36 hours of course work beyond course work done for an M.A. in philosophy at the University of Kentucky or elsewhere. Normally, 18 of the 36 required post-M.A. hours will be taken for writing the dissertation, leaving 18 of the required hours for non-dissertation course work. Students will need to demonstrate reading competence in at least one foreign language, as well as competence in logic. They will also complete a three course requirement in 20th century philosophy. In their first year in the program, all students will complete two proseminars, one in metaphysics and epistemology and one in value theory. A Qualifying Examination in each student's area of specialization precedes the writing of the dissertation. Students entering the Ph.D. program without an M.A. in philosophy from the University of Kentucky are expected to complete their degree work within five years. Every effort will be made to see that all students entering the Ph.D. program without an M.A. in philosophy from the University of Kentucky are offered five years of financial support (teaching assistantships and/or fellowships), with ongoing funding for those years contingent on the availability of funds and the student's continuing satisfactory progress through the program. Ph.D. students who have completed all requirements for the M.A. in philosophy at the University of Kentucky will be eligible to receive the M.A. in philosophy *en passant*.

Graduate Courses

PHI 500	Topics In Philosophy (Subtitle Required)	(3)
PHI 503	Topics In Ancient Philosophy	(3)
PHI 504	Islamic And Jewish Philosophy And The Classical Tradition	(3)
PHI 506	Topics In Medieval Philosophy	(3)
PHI 509	Topics In The History Of Modern Philosophy	(3)
PHI 513	Nineteenth Century Philosophy	(3)
PHI 514	American Philosophy	(3)
PHI 515	Contemporary Philosophy: The Analytic Turn	(3)
PHI 516	Contemporary Philosophy: Phenomenological Directions	(3)
PHI 517	Existentialism	(3)
PHI 519	Critical Social Thought	(3)
PHI 520	Symbolic Logic II	(3)
PHI 530	Ethical Theory	(3)
PHI 531	Advanced Topics In Ethics (Subtitle Required)	(3)

PHI 535	Social And Political Philosophy	(3)
PHI 537	Philosophy Of Law (Same As Law 837)	(3)
PHI 540	Feminist Philosophy	(3)
PHI 545	Philosophy Of Religion	(3)
PHI 550	Philosophical Problems In Knowledge And Reality	(3)
PHI 560	Philosophy Of Scientific Method	(3)
PHI 561	Philosophical Problems In The Natural Sciences (Subtitle Required)	(3)
PHI 562	Philosophical Problems In The Social And Behavioral Sciences	(3)
PHI 565	Philosophy Of Language	(3)
PHI 575	Philosophy Of Mind	(3)
PHI 592	Aesthetics (Same As A-H 592)	(3)
PHI 630	Seminar In Value Theory	(3)
PHI 650	Seminar In Metaphysics And Epistemology (Subtitle Required)	(3)
PHI 680	Special Topics In Philosophy	(3)
PHI 700	Seminar In Ancient Philosophy	(3)
PHI 705	Seminar In Medieval Philosophy	(3)
PHI 710	Seminar In Modern Philosophy	(3)
PHI 715	Seminar In Recent Philosophy	(3)
PHI 740	Proseminar In Teaching Methods	(1)
PHI 749	Dissertation Research	(0)
PHI 755	Tutorial In Interdisciplinary Issues	(1-6)
PHI 767	Dissertation Residency Credit	(2)
PHI 768	Residence Credit For The Master's Degree	(1-6)
PHI 769	Residence Credit For Doctor's Degree	(0-12)
PHI 790	Research In Philosophy	(3)