

PHILOSOPHY (M.A.)

Requirements

All master's students in philosophy take 30 credit hours, including one course in each of the major historical areas of philosophy. To remain in the program, master's students must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale).

Students must obtain the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies when selecting courses.

Course	Title	Credits
Area Courses		
One course in each area:		12
	Ancient Philosophy	
	Medieval Philosophy	
	Modern Philosophy	
	Contemporary Philosophy	
Elective Courses		
Four elective courses ¹		12
Capstone		
One of the capstone options below:		6
<i>Special Project</i>		
PHIL 0932	Master's Special Project ²	
One additional elective course ¹		
<i>Thesis</i>		
PHIL 0938	Masters Thesis ²	
Total Credits		30

¹ Elective courses can be any graduate-level course in the Philosophy department, or any PHIL 5000+. A list of these courses can be found on our department page.

² Information on the Master's Thesis and Master's Special Project for Philosophy can be found on our page on the Fordham website.

CIP Code

38.0101 - Philosophy.

You can use the CIP code to learn more about career paths associated with this field of study and, for international students, possible post-graduation visa extensions. Learn more about CIP codes and other information resources.

Course Areas

Ancient Philosophy courses

Courses in this group have the PGAN attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 5001	Introduction to Plato	3
PHIL 5009	Introduction to Aristotle	3
PHIL 5209	Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL 6025	Philosophy's Origins	3
PHIL 6101	Presocratic Philosophy	3
PHIL 6420	Expertise	3

PHIL 7009	Plotinus	3
PHIL 7012	Plato's Dialogues	3
PHIL 7018	Ancient Psychology	3
PHIL 7310	Self-Cultivation Philosophies	3
PHIL 7650	Aristotelian Ethics	3

Medieval Philosophy courses

Courses in this group have the PGMD attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 5010	Introduction to St. Thomas Aquinas	3
PHIL 5012	Introduction to St. Augustine	3
PHIL 6110	Philosophy of the Islamic World	3
PHIL 6460	Intentionality	3
PHIL 6505	Medieval Philosophical Theories of the Fall	3
PHIL 7039	Aquinas's Philosophy of God	3
PHIL 7042	Buridan on the Soul	3
PHIL 7058	Bonaventure's Metaphysics	3
PHIL 7060	Varieties of Essentialism	3
PHIL 7069	Medieval Logic and Metaphysics	3
PHIL 7071	Aquinas: Questions on God	3
PHIL 7076	Metaphysical Themes in Duns Scotus	3
PHIL 7080	Medieval Views on Cognition and Certainty	3

Modern Philosophy courses

Courses in this group have the PGCM attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 5002	Nineteenth Century Philosophy	3
PHIL 5005	Classical Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 6104	German Idealism and Freedom	3
PHIL 7106	Kant I	3
PHIL 7110	Descartes and Spinoza	3
PHIL 7120	Philosophical Writings of Rousseau	3
PHIL 7140	Kant and German Idealism	3
PHIL 7149	Hegel's Phenomenology	3
PHIL 7161	Nietzsche	3
PHIL 7164	First Philosophy: Nietzsche, Heidegger, and the Presocratics	3
PHIL 7166	Recognition and Intersubjectivity	3
PHIL 7370	Moral Emotions	3
PHIL 7380	Modern Philosophies of Property	3

Contemporary Philosophy courses

Courses in this group have one of the following three attributes: PGCA, PGCC, or PGOC.

Contemporary Analytical Philosophy (PGCA)

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 5114	Normative Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 5305	Confronting Moral Controversy	3
PHIL 6102	Human Rights	3
PHIL 6105	Laws of Nature	3
PHIL 6108	Communitarianism	3

PHIL 6109	The Epistemology and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	3
PHIL 6410	Understanding and Wisdom	3
PHIL 6420	Expertise	3
PHIL 6436	Philosophy of Time and Persistence	3
PHIL 6440	The Epistemology of John Henry Newman	3
PHIL 6457	Mind-Body Problem	3
PHIL 6471	Responsibility and Blame	3
PHIL 6472	Responsibility, Blame, and Forgiveness	3
PHIL 6580	Virtue Epistemology	3
PHIL 6805	Topics in Phil of Rel.	3
PHIL 7060	Varieties of Essentialism	3
PHIL 7204	Wittgenstein and Later Wittgenstein	3
PHIL 7215	Wittgenstein's 'Philosophical Investigations'	3
PHIL 7240	Contemporary Metaethics	3
PHIL 7340	Humility and Arrogance	3
PHIL 7350	Evidential Undermining	3
PHIL 7360	Scientific Realism	3
PHIL 7465	The Emotions	3
PHIL 7680	Classics of Analytic Ethics	3
PHIL 7730	Recent Work in Epistemology	3
PHIL 7752	Divine Providence	3
PHIL 7760	Dimensions of Political Justice	3
PHIL 7857	Topics in Contmp Metaphy	3

Contemporary Continental Philosophy (PGCC)

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 5051	Existentialism and Critical Phenomenology	3
PHIL 5075	Continental Philosophy and Faith	3
PHIL 5250	Philosophies of Race	3
PHIL 6103	Dialectical Thinking and Ideology Critique	3
PHIL 6215	French Philosophy of Education	3
PHIL 6630	Discourse Ethics	3
PHIL 6850	Hermeneutics	3
PHIL 7031	Alienation and Reification	3
PHIL 7035	Recent Critical Theory	3
PHIL 7145	Phenomenology and Religious Experience	3
PHIL 7153	Husserl's Later Thought	3
PHIL 7156	Husserl and Heidegger	3
PHIL 7157	Phenomenology	3
PHIL 7159	Kierkegaard	3
PHIL 7161	Nietzsche	3
PHIL 7164	First Philosophy: Nietzsche, Heidegger, and the Presocratics	3
PHIL 7203	Merleau-Ponty	3
PHIL 7229	Derrida	3
PHIL 7235	Husserl's 'Ideas II'	3
PHIL 7236	The Emotions and Moral Perception	3
PHIL 7245	Moral Psychology of Anger	3
PHIL 7459	Heidegger's Being and Time, Black Notebooks	3
PHIL 7580	Biopolitics and Necropolitics	3

PHIL 7605	Philosophical Aesthetics	3
PHIL 7664	Philosophy of Literature	3

Contemporary Philosophy - Other (PGOC)

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 5003	Natural Law Ethics	3
PHIL 6106	Autonomy and Paternalism	3
PHIL 6111	Affective Injustice	3
PHIL 6120	Democratic Political Economy	3
PHIL 6190	Feminist Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 6251	American Pragmatism	3
PHIL 6252	American Philosophy	3
PHIL 6270	Pragmatist Ethics	3
PHIL 7210	Whitehead	3
PHIL 7675	Moral Genealogies	3
PHIL 7770	Philosophical Bioethics	3