

PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Ph.D. students entering with a master's in philosophy take 30 hours (10 classes) of coursework. Students entering the Ph.D. program without a master's in philosophy take 48 hours (16 classes) of coursework. All students, regardless of whether they enter with a prior master's, must take nine courses in the four historical areas. Students entering with a master's in philosophy will have their transcript evaluated to determine which of these requirements have been satisfied in their master's coursework. Ph.D. students earning a master's *in cursu* must satisfy the distribution requirement for the master's by the time they complete the qualifying paper requirement.

Students entering without a master's may take only three 5000-level courses. Students entering with a master's may only take 6000-level courses or above. To remain in the program, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 (based on a 4.0 scale).

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

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.

Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
Two required courses in each of the below areas: ¹		18
	Ancient Philosophy	
	Medieval Philosophy	
	Modern Philosophy	
One required course in each of the below areas:		9
	Contemporary Analytical Philosophy	
	Contemporary Continental Philosophy	
	Contemporary Continental (Other) Philosophy	
Elective Courses		
For students with a master's degree, one elective, totaling ten courses. For students with a bachelor's degree, seven electives, totaling sixteen courses. ²		3 to 21
Logic Requirement (or Department exam) ³		
PHIL 5100	Logic I	
	or PHIL 0940 Logic Examination	
Reading knowledge of 2 languages other than English (or Department exams)		
FREN 5001	Reading French Theory	
	or FREN 5090 French for Reading	
	or ZZGA 0940 GSAS Language Exam 1	
GERM 5002	Grad. Readg. in German II	
	or ZZGA 094 GSAS Language Exam 2	
Proseminar, Comprehensive Exam, Qualifying Papers, and Dissertation: ³		

PHIL 8050	Proseminar: Philosophy Research/Writing	
PHIL 0925	PhD Qualifying Papers—Philosophy	
PHIL 0930	PhD Comprehensive Examination-Philosophy (Oral Reading List Exam)	
PHIL 0950	Proposal Development	
PHIL 0960	Proposal Acceptance	
PHIL 9999	Dissertation Direction (Completion and public defense of the dissertation)	
Total Credits		30-48

- ¹ If these requirements are fulfilled with an M.A., you may substitute completion of the course with an additional elective.
- ² Elective courses can be any graduate-level course in the Philosophy department. For students entering with a master's, courses must be 6000-level or above.
- ³ More information about these requirements are outlined on our page on the Fordham website.

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 the PGCP attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 5002	Nineteenth Century Philosophy	3
PHIL 6103	Dialectical Thinking and Ideology Critique	3
PHIL 6440	The Epistemology of John Henry Newman	3
PHIL 7031	Alienation and Reification	3
PHIL 7153	Husserl's Later Thought	3
PHIL 7156	Husserl and Heidegger	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 7204	Wittgenstein and Later Wittgenstein	3
PHIL 7210	Whitehead	3
PHIL 7215	Wittgenstein's 'Philosophical Investigations'	3
PHIL 7229	Derrida	3
PHIL 7235	Husserl's 'Ideas II'	3
PHIL 7459	Heidegger's Being and Time, Black Notebooks	3

Metaphysics and Epistemology courses

Courses in this group have the PGME attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 5051	Existentialism and Critical Phenomenology	3
PHIL 5075	Continental Philosophy and Faith	3
PHIL 5250	Philosophies of Race	3
PHIL 6105	Laws of Nature	3
PHIL 6109	The Epistemology and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	3
PHIL 6215	French Philosophy of Education	3
PHIL 6251	American Pragmatism	3

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PHIL 6410	Understanding and Wisdom	3
PHIL 6436	Philosophy of Time and Persistence	3
PHIL 6457	Mind-Body Problem	3
PHIL 6580	Virtue Epistemology	3
PHIL 6805	Topics in Phil of Rel.	3
PHIL 6850	Hermeneutics	3
PHIL 7060	Varieties of Essentialism	3
PHIL 7145	Phenomenology and Religious Experience	3
PHIL 7157	Phenomenology	3
PHIL 7236	The Emotions and Moral Perception	3
PHIL 7340	Humility and Arrogance	3
PHIL 7350	Evidential Undermining	3
PHIL 7360	Scientific Realism	3
PHIL 7465	The Emotions	3
PHIL 7730	Recent Work in Epistemology	3
PHIL 7752	Divine Providence	3
PHIL 7857	Topics in Contmp Metaphy	3

Value Theory courses

Courses in this group have the PGVT attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 5003	Natural Law Ethics	3
PHIL 5114	Normative Ethical Theory	3
PHIL 5250	Philosophies of Race	3
PHIL 5305	Confronting Moral Controversy	3
PHIL 6102	Human Rights	3
PHIL 6103	Dialectical Thinking and Ideology Critique	3
PHIL 6106	Autonomy and Paternalism	3
PHIL 6108	Communitarianism	3
PHIL 6111	Affective Injustice	3
PHIL 6120	Democratic Political Economy	3
PHIL 6190	Feminist Political Philosophy	3
PHIL 6270	Pragmatist Ethics	3
PHIL 6471	Responsibility and Blame	3
PHIL 6472	Responsibility, Blame, and Forgiveness	3
PHIL 6630	Discourse Ethics	3
PHIL 7031	Alienation and Reification	3
PHIL 7035	Recent Critical Theory	3
PHIL 7166	Recognition and Intersubjectivity	3
PHIL 7236	The Emotions and Moral Perception	3
PHIL 7240	Contemporary Metaethics	3
PHIL 7245	Moral Psychology of Anger	3
PHIL 7465	The Emotions	3
PHIL 7580	Biopolitics and Necropolitics	3
PHIL 7605	Philosophical Aesthetics	3
PHIL 7664	Philosophy of Literature	3
PHIL 7675	Moral Genealogies	3
PHIL 7680	Classics of Analytic Ethics	3
PHIL 7760	Dimensions of Political Justice	3
PHIL 7770	Philosophical Bioethics	3