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 cursus 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.

**Requirements**

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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**

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