

# 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
<b>Required Courses</b>		
<i>Two required courses in each of the below areas:</i> <sup>1</sup>		18
	Ancient Philosophy	
	Medieval Philosophy	
	Modern Philosophy	
<i>One required course in each of the below areas:</i>		9
	Contemporary Analytical Philosophy	
	Contemporary Continental Philosophy	
	Contemporary Continental (Other) Philosophy	
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
For students with a master's degree, one elective, totaling ten courses. For students with a bachelor's degree, seven electives, totaling sixteen courses. <sup>2</sup>		3 to 21
<b>Logic Requirement (or Department exam)</b> <sup>3</sup>		
PHIL 5100	Logic I	
	or PHIL 0940 Logic Examination	
<b>Reading knowledge of 2 languages other than English (or Department exams)</b>		
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	
<b>Proseminar, Comprehensive Exam, Qualifying Papers, and Dissertation:</b> <sup>3</sup>		

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)	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30-48</b>

- <sup>1</sup> If these requirements are fulfilled with an M.A., you may substitute completion of the course with an additional elective.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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