PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
One required course in each of the below historical periods:[1]		*12*
	Ancient Philosophy	
	Medieval Philosophy	
	Modern Philosophy	
	Contemporary Philosophy[2]	
One required course in each of the below topical areas:[1]		*6*
	Metaphysics and Epistemology	
	Value Theory[3]	
Elective Courses		
For students with a master's degree, four electives. For students with a bachelor's degree, ten electives.[4]		12 to 30
Logic Requirement (or Department exam)[5]		
PHIL 5100	Logic I	
or PHIL 0940	Logic Examination	
Proficiency in 1 language other than English		
Ph.D. students in Philosophy must demonstrate a strong level of reading competence, as determined by their Advisory Committees, in one language other than English. Students register for a 0-credit, pass/fail course when they are prepared to demonstrate proficiency in the relevant language.[6]		0
Proseminar, Comprehensive Exam, Qualifying Papers, and Dissertation:[5]		
PHIL 8050	Proseminar: Philosophy Research/Writing	
PHIL 0925	PhD Qualifying Papers—Philosophy (only for students entering without an M.A.)	
PHIL 0930	PhD Comprehensive Examination-Philosophy[7]	
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 one or more of these requirements are fulfilled with an M.A., students may substitute completion of the course with additional elective(s). Consult the Course Areas (p.) section for lists of courses fulfilling each requirement.

2 The contemporary philosophy requirement is construed as post-Hegelian philosophy, where methods of study are historical (for instance, figure-based). Consult the Course Areas (p.) section for lists of courses fulfilling each requirement.

3 The value theory requirement includes courses in ethics, aesthetics, and social and political philosophy.

4 Elective courses can be any graduate-level course in the Philosophy department, subject to departmental policy (Ph.D. students entering the program without an M.A. may take a maximum of three 5000-level courses. Students entering the program with an M.A. may take one 5000-level course.)

5 More information about these requirements are outlined on our page on the Fordham website. PHIL 5100 Logic I, if taken, counts as an elective for all Ph.D. students, and is not counted towards the limit of 5000-level courses that may be taken. If PHIL 5100 is taken, a grade of "B" or higher must be earned for the course to fulfill the logic requirement.

6 These 0-credit, pass/fail courses are numbered PHIL 098X, for example PHIL 0980 French Language Proficiency, PHIL 0981 German Language Proficiency, PHIL 0982 Spanish Language Proficiency, PHIL 0983 Latin Language Proficiency, and PHIL 0984 Ancient Greek Language Proficiency.

7 The comprehensive exam is an oral examination based on both a reading list and related paper.