

PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
<i>Two required courses in each of the below areas:</i> ¹		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	
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 094 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.