

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 M.A., must satisfy both historical and topical coursework requirements. Historical courses foreground historical methods of philosophical study, such as focusing on a period or figure. Topical courses foreground topical modes of philosophical study, such as focusing on a question or philosophical problem.

Students entering with an M.A. will have their graduate transcripts evaluated by the Director of Graduate Studies in order to determine which of these course requirements have already been satisfied at the graduate level.

Ph.D. students earning an M.A. *in cursu* must satisfy the distribution requirement by the time they complete the qualifying paper requirement.

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. PHIL 5100, the course in Logic that may be taken to satisfy the department's logic requirement, does not count in determining whether the maximum number of 5000-level courses has been reached.

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.

Advisory Committee

At the beginning of their course of studies, each graduate student is assigned an Advisory Committee nominated by the Director of Graduate Studies.

Three faculty members constitute the Advisory Committee. One serves as chair of the committee. The composition of the Advisory Committee reflects the pluralism of the department. It meets with the student two times in the first year (once in the fall and once in the spring) and then once in the spring semester as long as the student is taking courses. After coursework, it is replaced by the student's dissertation committee, with the expectation that a dissertating student and their committee will have routine meetings. One member of the original Advisory Committee is designated as an advisor on non-dissertation matters.

The main role of the Advisory Committee is to advise students about their requirements, to check on their progress, to offer perspective on the student's professional development, to promote the students' professional interests, to keep them apprised of developments in the department and University relevant to their program of study, and to make sure that they are making the most of their coursework years and of the pluralism of the department.

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.