

Philosophy (PhD)

The Department of Philosophy offers areas of concentration across the discipline and offers special programs in cooperation with other departments: (1) ancient philosophy, with the Department of Classics; (2) history and philosophy of science, with the Department of History; and (3) philosophy and cognitive science, with the Departments of Linguistics, Psychology, and Computer Science. For descriptions of these programs, students should consult the graduate advisor.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Total Hours Required: 30

Requirements

In addition to the general requirements given in [Degree Requirements](#), the requirements for the doctoral degree are as follows:

1. PHL 384F and PHL 389, completed in the first year of graduate study.
2. A graduate course in each of the following: history of philosophy (any period up to or including Kant), metaphysics and epistemology, and ethics.
3. PHL 398T, a one-semester teaching internship.
4. Five additional graduate courses in philosophy.
5. Proficiency in a language other than English, or two additional graduate seminars in philosophy, or two additional upper-division or graduate seminars in a related area approved by the Graduate Studies Committee chair. Proficiency in a foreign language may be shown by completion of four semesters of coursework, or the equivalent, either before or after admission to the program.
6. Completion and defense of a dissertation prospectus, by the end of the third year.
7. Completion and defense of a dissertation.

Code	Title	Hours
PHL 384F	First-Year Seminar	3
PHL 389	Topics in Logic	3
Hours chosen from: Metaphysics and epistemology graduate course		3
Hours chosen from: Ethics graduate course		3
Hours chosen from: History of Philosophy graduate course (any period up to or including Kant)		3
Additional graduate courses in philosophy		15
PHL 398T	Supervised Teaching in Philosophy	3
Choose a sequence below:		6-12

Sequence 1:

Proficiency in a language other than English; proficiency in a foreign language may be shown by completion of four semesters of coursework, or the equivalent, either before or after admission to the program

Sequence 2:

Two additional graduate seminars in philosophy

Sequence 3:

Two additional upper-division or graduate seminars in a related area approved by the Graduate Studies Committee Chair

Completion and defense of a dissertation prospectus (by the end of the third year)

Completion and defense of a dissertation	
Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements	
Graduate University Requirements	
Total Hours	39-45