

PHILOSOPHY

economics, education, engineering, English, history, psychology and sociology.

Graduate Programs

The Department of Philosophy offers a Master of Arts degree in philosophy. Consult the "Master's Degree Programs" section of the "Graduate College" in the Catalog for general regulations and requirements relating to admission.

The Master of Arts degree in philosophy offers a broad-based curriculum designed to serve the interests of two kinds of students:

1. Professional Emphasis: for students who wish to pursue their study of philosophy as a supplement to preparation in a wide variety of professions including business, law, government, the health professions, the ministry, or counseling. Students interested in the professional emphasis have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of courses that support their career plans (biomedical ethics, business ethics, philosophy of law, philosophy of religion, and cognate courses in other disciplines).
2. PhD Emphasis: for students who wish to pursue their study of philosophy as a preparation for PhD studies in philosophy at another institution. Students interested in the PhD emphasis have the opportunity to enhance their understanding of the history of philosophy, logic, and metaphysics and epistemology.

Students in both of these emphases are able to compete for teaching assistantships and may teach either Critical Thinking or Introductory Moral/Social Problems courses.

Prerequisites for admission to the program are 24 semester credit hours (at least 18 at the upper-division level) in philosophy including courses in the history of ancient philosophy (PHIL 3113 Ancient Greek Philosophy (H) or equivalent), the history of 17th and 18th century philosophy (PHIL 3213 Philosophy in the Age of Enlightenment (H) or equivalent) and a course in logic (PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (A) or equivalent). Students without these prerequisites, but otherwise admissible, may be granted "qualified" or "provisional" status until the prerequisites are satisfied.

The Master of Arts degree in Philosophy may be earned through any of three options:

1. Thesis option (twenty-four credit hours of course work plus six credit hours of research in which a thesis is written);
2. Report option (thirty credit hours of course work plus two credit hours of research in which a report is written);
3. Creative Component option (thirty-two credit hours of coursework including a creative component).

Students will prepare a plan of study under the guidance of their graduate advisor. Each student is supervised by a three-person advisory committee appointed for, and in consultation with, the student.

A student may also, in accordance with the policies of the Graduate College, select a graduate minor in connection with the master's degree in philosophy, thus permitting a concentration of work in broad areas such as social thought or cognitive science.

Students pursuing a master's or doctor's degree in another field may elect philosophy as a graduate minor. Selected courses and seminars in philosophy can broaden and complement work in such areas as