

# PHILOSOPHY - M.A.

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## Description

The Master of Arts degree in Philosophy offers intensive, in-depth study of philosophy, with particular attention to the diversity of philosophical methods, perspectives and traditions, as well as their relation to other disciplines.

## Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- GRE scores<sup>1</sup>
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 82 MELAB score
  - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
  - Minimum 65 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

<sup>1</sup> Effective Spring 2020, GRE scores will no longer be required; however, students will need to submit a writing sample.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of philosophy from the classical period to the present day, of the various fields of philosophical inquiry, and of central philosophical questions, both historical and contemporary.
2. Articulate and defend their positions through philosophical argumentation in both written and oral form.

3. Successfully navigate the professional academic world and prepare strong applications to doctoral programs, if they choose to continue their studies after completion of the master's degree.

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
PHIL 51038	INTERMEDIATE LOGIC	3
PHIL 60191	GRADUATE SEMINAR <sup>1</sup>	6
PHIL 69194	COLLEGE TEACHING OF PHILOSOPHY <sup>2</sup>	0-2
PHIL 69101	GRADUATE PROSEMINAR <sup>3</sup>	6
Philosophy (PHIL) Elective Coursework <sup>4</sup>		15
Culminating Experience, choose from the following: <sup>5</sup>		6
PHIL 69199	THESIS I	
PHIL 69998	RESEARCH	
Additional Philosophy (PHIL) Coursework and a paper		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		36

- <sup>1</sup> Students take PHIL 60191 in their second and third semesters in the program.
- <sup>2</sup> PHIL 69194 is an additional course, required for graduate assistants only; total credit hours for the program will be 38.
- <sup>3</sup> Beyond required and elective coursework, students are required to participate in PHIL 69101 for each semester in residence. Maximum 6 credit hours of the course may be counted toward the degree requirements. The graduate coordinator, in consultation with the graduate faculty, will consider various options for satisfying the graduate proseminar requirement where circumstances dictate.
- <sup>4</sup> One graduate course in a discipline outside of philosophy may be taken with departmental approval.
- <sup>5</sup> Proposals for a culminating experience can be made only after a student has met the following requirements: completion of (or present good standing in) one section each of PHIL 51038 and PHIL 60191, as well as 6 credit hours of elective course work.

### Graduation Requirements

Students who lack background preparation in a specific area will be required to take an undergraduate course and earn a minimum B letter grade in that course as a prerequisite to further graduate study. The student's advisory group, in consultation with the graduate coordinator, will determine which course prerequisites are needed.