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 modes of analysis, 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 3.00 undergraduate GPA on a 4.00 point scale for unconditional admission
• Official transcript(s)
• GRE scores
• 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.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:
1. Articulate and defend their own point of view.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of selected philosophers in the history of philosophy, from the classical period down to the present day.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements
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Philosophy (PHIL) Graduate Breadth Requirements ⁴
Philosophy (PHIL) Graduate Depth Requirements ⁴

Culminating Experience, choose from the following:
PHIL 69199 | THESIS ¹ ³ 
PHIL 69998 | RESEARCH and Additional Philosophy (PHIL) Coursework and a Paper

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 33

¹ Students normally take PHIL 60191 in their second and third semesters in the program.
² PHIL 69194 is an additional course, required for graduate assistants only; total credit hours for the program will be 35.
³ Beyond required and elective coursework, students are required to participate in PHIL 69997 for each semester in residence. Maximum 2 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 colloquium requirement where circumstances dictate.
⁴ The breadth requirement involves taking one course each (9 credit hours) in three of the four areas of coursework defined in the Graduate Program Handbook. The depth requirement involves taking an additional two courses (6 credit hours) in one of those three areas. One graduate course in a discipline outside of philosophy may be taken with departmental approval.
⁵ Proposals for a culminating experience (thesis, non-thesis) can be made only after a student has met the following requirements: 6 credit hours toward the breadth requirements and completion of (or present good standing in) one section each of PHIL 51038 and PHIL 60191.

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.