PHILOSOPHY - M.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Philosophy
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Fully Offered

• Kent Campus

Admission Terms

• Fall
• Spring
• Summer

Examples of Possible Careers*

Philosophy and religion teachers, postsecondary
• 6.7% faster than the average
• 30,900 number of jobs
• $76,160 potential earnings

Education teachers, postsecondary
• 4.8% about as fast as the average
• 77,300 number of jobs
• $65,440 potential earnings

Lawyers
• 4.0% about as fast as the average
• 813,900 number of jobs
• $126,930 potential earnings

Social workers, all other
• 5.1% faster than the average
• 62,500 number of jobs
• $64,210 potential earnings

Public relations and fundraising managers
• 9.2% much faster than the average
• 88,000 number of jobs
• $118,430 potential earnings

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

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.

Admission Requirements

• Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
• Minimum 3.00 GPA on a 4.0 point scale for unconditional admission
• Official transcript(s)
• A writing sample
• 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
  • Minimum 120 Duolingo English Test 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. 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

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Philosophy (PHIL) Elective Coursework

Culminating Experience, choose from the following:
PHIL 69199  THESIS I
PHIL 69998  RESEARCH

Additional Philosophy (PHIL) Coursework and a paper

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 36

1. Students 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 38.
3. 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.
4. One graduate course in a discipline outside of philosophy may be taken with departmental approval.
5. 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.