

# PHILOSOPHY - M.A.

College of Sciences and Humanities  
Department of Philosophy  
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## About This Program

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. Read more...

## Contact Information

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries\*

### Philosophy and religion teachers, postsecondary

- 0.7% little or no change
- 27,300 number of jobs
- \$78,050 potential earnings

### Lawyers

- 4.1% about as fast as the average
- 864,800 number of jobs
- \$151,160 potential earnings

### Social workers, all other

- 3.9% about as fast as the average
- 81,000 number of jobs
- \$69,480 potential earnings

### Public relations managers

- 5.0% faster than the average
- 83,200 number of jobs
- \$138,520 potential earnings

### Fundraising managers

- 4.2% about as fast as the average
- 45,700 number of jobs
- \$123,480 potential earnings

### Social and community service managers

- 6.4% faster than the average
- 219,800 number of jobs
- \$78,240 potential earnings

### Media and communication workers, all other

- 2.7% slower than the average
- 34,300 number of jobs
- \$71,770 potential earnings

### News analysts, reporters, and journalists

- -3.9% decline
- 49,300 number of jobs
- \$60,280 potential earnings

### Writers and authors

- 3.6% about as fast as the average
- 135,400 number of jobs
- \$72,270 potential earnings

### Additional careers

- Bioethicists
- Business/management positions
- Communication specialists

\* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes 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.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- 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 to waive) by earning one of the following:<sup>1</sup>
  - Minimum 102 TOEFL iBT score
  - Minimum 7.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 73 PTE score
  - Minimum 130 DET score

<sup>1</sup> International applicants who do not meet the above test scores may be considered for conditional admission.

## Application Deadlines

### • Fall Semester

- Priority and funding deadlines: February 1  
*All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission and be considered for an assistantship or any other funded position.*

### • Spring Semester

- Rolling admissions

## 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 69101	PROSEMINAR: PROFESSIONAL AND PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING <sup>2</sup>	6
Philosophy (PHIL) Graduate Electives (50000 or 60000 level) <sup>3</sup>		15
<b>Culminating Experience</b>		
Choose from the following: <sup>4</sup>		6
<b>Thesis Option</b>		
PHIL 69199	THESIS I	
<b>Research Option</b>		
PHIL 69998	RESEARCH	
<b>Non-Thesis or -Research Option</b>		
PHIL 60191	GRADUATE SEMINAR <sup>1</sup>	
& Philosophy (PHIL) Graduate (50000 or 60000 level) Elective		
& Completion of a paper		
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students selecting thesis or research as their culminating requirement will take PHIL 60191 twice, in their second and third semesters in the program. Students not selecting thesis or research will take PHIL 60191 three times, in their second, third and fourth semesters, as well as an additional PHIL elective and a paper.

<sup>2</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>3</sup> One graduate course in a discipline outside of philosophy may be taken with departmental approval.

<sup>4</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

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- Students who lack background preparation in a specific area will be required to take an undergraduate course and earn a minimum B 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.

- No more than one-half of a graduate student's coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

## 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.

## Full Description

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

Most graduates go on to pursue doctoral degrees in philosophy, while others are seeking a terminal master's degree in philosophy to supplement and enhance their careers or their work in other disciplines.

The graduate program stresses both breadth and depth and offers students the option of a thesis or a non-thesis research project as a culminating experience.