PHILOSOPHY

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The Department offers a program of graduate study leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. Students who enter without an M.A. and who fulfill the relevant requirements are awarded the M.A. degree as they work towards the Ph.D., but we have no stand-alone M.A. program. The Ph.D. program is specifically designed to prepare students for careers as professional teachers and researchers in philosophy, not only by way of coursework and research supervision, but also through professional mentoring and opportunities for philosophical development both inside and outside the classroom. Further information about the program and how to apply can be found on our web page.

Each entering student is assigned a mentor from among the faculty, and faculty members lead professional development seminars on such topics as teaching, preparing work for publication, and preparing for the job market. A dedicated placement director works with each student to maximize their success at securing good post-graduation employment.

The Department prides itself on providing an inclusive, friendly and congenial atmosphere for doing philosophy, with many opportunities for informal interaction among students and faculty including workshops, conferences, colloquia and post-colloquium dinners and the Miami Forum. (These are described in detail under "Departmental life".)

Masters

Masters Degree in Philosophy

• M.A. in Philosophy (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-ma)

Doctoral

Doctoral Program in Philosophy

• Ph.D. in Philosophy (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-phd)

Courses

PHI 606. Mathematical Logic. 3 Credit Hours.
Logics, truth, proof, logical consequences, model theory, formalization, and computation. Meta-theory of first-order logic, computability theory, and Goedel’s Incompleteness theorems. Related results by church, Turing, and Tarski. Discussion of their philosophical significance.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 611. Formal Logic. 3 Credit Hours.
First and second-order quantification theory; metalogic.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

PHI 634. Political Philosophy. 3 Credit Hours.
A survey of some central issues and developments in political philosophy.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 642. Epistemology. 3 Credit Hours.
A survey of the basic topics and questions in epistemology: knowledge acquisition and justification, perception, fallibilism, and skepticism.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 646. Evidence and Knowledge in Medicine. 3 Credit Hours.
Basic methodologies in medicine in the context of philosophical theories of evidence.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 647. Mind and Language. 3 Credit Hours.
Philosophical problems about signs, linguistic and mental representations, intentionality, action, and consciousness.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 648. Induction, Probability, and Scientific Method. 3 Credit Hours.
Foundations of inductive reasoning and role of experiment in science.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 649. Metaphysics. 3 Credit Hours.
A selection of topics dealing with the main problems of metaphysics: existence, modality, universals, identity and persistence through time, causation, the self and physicalism.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 655. Philosophy Of Education. 3 Credit Hours.
Problems concerning the nature and aims of education.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 660. History of Logic. 3 Credit Hours.
Aristotle, the Stoics, the Scholastics, Leibniz, Boole, DeMorgan, Peirce, Frege, and Russell and Whitehead.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

PHI 662. History of Ethics. 3 Credit Hours.
A selection of ethical theories from Aristotle to Rawls.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
PHI 670. Presocratics and Plato. 3 Credit Hours.
Fragments from the Presocratics and the dialogues of Plato.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 672. Aristotle and Hellenistic Philosophy. 3 Credit Hours.
A survey of central philosophical topics in Aristotle and Hellenistic Philosophers (Epicureans, Stoics, and Skeptics).
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 673. Medieval Philosophy. 3 Credit Hours.
The patristic period through the scholasticism of the late middle ages.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 674. Early Modern Philosophy. 3 Credit Hours.
An examination of early modern philosophy from Hobbes and Descartes to Hume.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 677. Kant. 3 Credit Hours.
An examination of selected issues in Kant’s theoretical or practical philosophy.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 681. Pragmatism. 3 Credit Hours.
Peirce, James, Dewey, and others.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 683. The Phenomenological Tradition. 3 Credit Hours.
An examination of the phenomenological movement (Edmund Husserl, Martin Heidegger, Maurice Merleau-Ponty, and others) and of its impact on contemporary thought.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 684. History of Analytic Philosophy. 3 Credit Hours.
The development of analytic philosophy from its beginnings in the work of Frege and Russell through logical positivism to contemporary philosophy.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 695. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.
A selected philosopher or philosophical problem. May be repeated for credit.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 696. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.
A selected philosopher or philosophical problem. May be repeated for credit.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 697. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.
A selected philosopher or philosophical problem. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Six credits in Philosophy and junior standing.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 698. Independent Study in Philosophy. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Directed reading on a topic or philosopher. May be repeated for credit.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 701. Proseminar (First Semester). 3 Credit Hours.
Covers the core texts from the history of analytic philosophy. First semester of the year-long pro-seminar for first-year graduate students in Philosophy.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 702. Proseminar (Second Semester). 3 Credit Hours.
Covers the core texts and issues of analytic philosophy in the second half of the twentieth century. Second semester of the year-long pro-seminar for first-year graduate students in Philosophy.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 711. Topics in Logic. 3 Credit Hours.
Problems in philosophical logic; non-standard logic.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 712. Seminar in Ethics. 3 Credit Hours.
Problems in normative ethics, meta-ethics, and value theory.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 736. Values, Norms, and Actions. 3 Credit Hours.
The role of values and norms in practical reasoning and decision making.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
PHI 744. Seminar in Philosophy of Mind. 3 Credit Hours.
Problems concerning mental phenomena: theories of perception, action, consciousness.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 747. Seminar in Philosophy of Language. 3 Credit Hours.
Nature and uses of language; concepts of reference, truth, and meaning.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 748. Philosophy of Science. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in the philosophy of science, such as realism, explanation, and conceptual and methodological issues in the special sciences.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 749. Seminar in Metaphysics. 3 Credit Hours.
Problems related to the nature and kinds of being.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 751. Seminar in Philosophy of Art. 3 Credit Hours.
Problems related to beauty and the philosophy of art.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 772. Seminar in Ancient Philosophy. 3 Credit Hours.
A discussion of selected topics in ancient philosophy.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 778. Idealism. 3 Credit Hours.
An examination of Idealism, both contemporary and historical.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 795. Seminar in Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.
A selected philosopher or philosophical problem. May be repeated for credit.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 796. Seminar in Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.
A selected philosopher or philosophical problem. May be repeated for credit.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 798. Independent Study in Philosophy. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Directed reading on a topic or philosopher. May be repeated for credit.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

PHI 810. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Credit Hours.
The student working on his/her master's thesis enrolls for credit, in most departments not to exceed six, as determined by his/her advisor. Credit is not awarded until the thesis has been accepted.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

PHI 830. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Required of all candidates for the Ph.D. The student will enroll for credit as determined by his/her advisor, but for not less than a total of 12 hours. Up to 12 hours may be taken in a regular semester, but not more than six in a summer session.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

PHI 840. Post-candidacy doctoral dissertation. 1-6 Credit Hours.
Required of all candidates for the Ph.D. who have advanced to candidacy. The student will enroll for credit as determined by his/her advisor, but not for less than a total of 12. Not more than 12 hours of PHI 740 may be taken in a regular semester, nor more than six in a summer session.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

PHI 850. Research in Residence. 1 Credit Hour.
Used to establish research in residence for the Ph.D., after the student has been enrolled for the permissible cumulative total in appropriate doctoral research. Credit not granted. May be regarded as full-time residence as determined by the Dean of the Graduate School.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.