

PHILOSOPHY: ENVIRONMENT (PH.D.)

Offered by: Philosophy (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description

****This program is currently not offered.****

The Ph.D. in Philosophy: Environment is a research program offered in collaboration with the Bieler School of Environment. As a complement to the unit's expertise, the program considers how various dimensions (scientific, social, legal, ethical) interact to define environment and sustainability issues.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Thesis

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

Required Courses (21 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
ENVR 615	Interdisciplinary Approach Environment and Sustainability.	3
PHIL 607	Pro-Seminar 1.	6
PHIL 682	Pro-Seminar 3.	6
PHIL 685	Fundamentals of Logic.	3
PHIL 690	Candidacy Paper.	3

Complementary Courses (27¹ -33² credits)

¹ If admitted to Ph.D. 2
² If admitted to Ph.D. 1

PHIL courses (21-27 credits):

At least 6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 607	Pro-Seminar 1. ¹	6
PHIL 651	Seminar: Ancient Philosophy 2.	3
PHIL 656	Medieval Philosophy.	3
PHIL 661	Seminar: 18th Century Philosophy.	3
PHIL 667	Seminar: 19th Century Philosophy.	3
PHIL 675	Seminar: Contemporary European Philosophy.	3
PHIL 682	Pro-Seminar 3. ¹	6

¹ When topic is appropriate

and/or any other course at the 500 level or higher in the History of Philosophy recommended/accepted by the student's advisory committee.

At least 6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 607	Pro-Seminar 1.	6
PHIL 634	Seminar: Ethics.	3
PHIL 643	Seminar: Medical Ethics.	3
PHIL 644	Political Theory.	3
PHIL 648	Seminar: Philosophy of Law.	3
PHIL 682	Pro-Seminar 3.	6

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and/or any other course at the 500 level or higher in Value Theory recommended/accepted by the student's advisory committee.

At least 6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 607	Pro-Seminar 1. ¹	6
PHIL 610	Seminar on Advanced Logic 2.	3
PHIL 611	Seminar: Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics.	3
PHIL 615	Seminar: Philosophy of Language.	3
PHIL 619	Seminar: Epistemology.	3
PHIL 621	Seminar: Metaphysics.	3
PHIL 670	Seminar: Contemporary Analytic Philosophy.	3
PHIL 682	Pro-Seminar 3. ¹	6

¹ When topic is appropriate.

and/or any other course at the 500 level or higher in Metaphysics and Epistemology recommended/accepted by the student's advisory committee.

The remaining 3-9 credits must be at the 500 level or higher and are to be chosen in consultation with the student's advisory committee.

Language Requirement

One research language at the advanced level or two research languages at the intermediate level.

ENVR courses (6 credits):

3-6 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENVR 610	Foundations of Environmental Policy.	3
ENVR 614	Mobilizing Research for Sustainability.	3

0-3 credits from:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENVR 585	Readings in Environment 2.	3
ENVR 630	Civilization and Environment.	3
ENVR 680	Topics in Environment 4.	3

or 3 credits at the 500 level or higher recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Environment Option Committee.