

PHILOSOPHY: TEACHING PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Offered by: Philosophy (Faculty of Arts)
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description

The Ph.D. in Philosophy; Teaching Philosophy focuses on the theoretical and practical skills necessary to become an effective teacher of philosophy, including pedagogical issues that may be specific to the discipline of philosophy. Guidance is provided by a faculty mentor. Participation in the broader teaching activities of the Department (e.g., teaching assistants, training workshops, guest lecturing).

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 (22 credits)

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| Course | Title | Credits |
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| ARTE 700 | Seminar: Teaching Humanities. | 3 |
| PHIL 607 | Pro-Seminar 1. | 6 |
| PHIL 682 | Pro-Seminar 3. | 6 |
| PHIL 685 | Fundamentals of Logic. | 3 |
| PHIL 690 | Candidacy Paper. | 3 |
| PHIL 703 | Teaching Reflection and Practice. | 1 |

Complementary Courses (21-27 Credits)

Students admitted to Ph.D. 1 require 27.

Students admitted to Ph.D. 2 require 21.

Minimum of 6 credits from the following;

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| Course | Title | Credits |
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| 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 |

and/or any other course at the 500, 600, or 700 level in the History of Philosophy recommended/accepted by the student's advisory committee.

Minimum of 6 credits from the following:

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| Course | Title | Credits |
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| PHIL 627 | Seminar: Critical Philosophy of Race. | 3 |
| PHIL 643 | Seminar: Medical Ethics. | 3 |
| PHIL 644 | Political Theory. | 3 |
| PHIL 648 | Seminar: Philosophy of Law. | 3 |

and/or any other course at the 500, 600, or 700 level in Value Theory recommended/accepted by the student's advisory committee.

Minimum of 6 credits from the following:

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| Course | Title | Credits |
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| PHIL 610 | Seminar on Advanced Logic 2. | 3 |
| PHIL 611 | Seminar: Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics. | 3 |
| PHIL 615 | Seminar: Philosophy of Language. | 3 |

Language Requirement

Students must satisfy Departmental language requirements by demonstrating competence at the advanced level in a research language, or at the intermediate level in two research languages.