Philosophy, M.A.

Requirements

The Master of Arts program in philosophy requires a minimum of 30 s.h. of graduate credit and is offered without thesis. The M.A. is not offered as a terminal degree; it is awarded to students as they work successfully toward the Ph.D.

Requirements include courses in metaphysics, epistemology, history of philosophy, ethics, logic, philosophy of science, and value theory. There is no world language requirement. Students must take an oral final examination. Contact the graduate studies director for more information.

Combined Programs

M.A./J.D.

The Department of Philosophy and the College of Law offer a combined Juris Doctor/Master of Arts degree program. M.A./J.D. students may count 12 s.h. earned in the combined program toward both degrees. They must earn 18 of the 30 s.h. required for the M.A. in graduate-level philosophy courses (the usual requirement is 24 s.h.). They also must earn a minimum of 36 s.h. in undergraduate and graduate philosophy courses, combined (the usual requirement is 42 s.h.). Separate application to each degree program is required. Applicants must be admitted to both programs before they may be admitted to the combined degree program.

For more information, see the Juris Doctor (College of Law) section of the Catalog.

Admission

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the Graduate College.

Career Advancement

The graduate program is designed to train teachers and scholars in philosophy.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.