Philosophy, Ph.D.

The main areas of concentration in the graduate curriculum are metaphysics, epistemology, history of philosophy, philosophy of science, social and political philosophy, logic, and value theory.

Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy program in philosophy requires a minimum of 72 s.h. of graduate credit. Candidacy for the doctoral program is determined by a formal vote of the entire Department of Philosophy faculty, usually after a student has completed three semesters of graduate study in residence.

Requirements include courses in metaphysics, epistemology, history of philosophy, logic, philosophy of science, and value theory. See Courses in this section of the Catalog for a complete listing of philosophy courses.

Students are required to take a comprehensive examination that covers their area of specialization and includes both written and oral components. Upon successfully completing the exam, they begin work on a prospectus for their dissertation. There is no world language requirement. Contact the graduate studies director for more information.

Admission

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

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.