

Philosophy, PhD

Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy program in philosophy requires a minimum of 72 s.h. of graduate credit. Graduate students must take Department of Philosophy courses (prefix PHIL) that are numbered 4000 and above. Students must earn a Graduate College program grade point average of at least 3.00. 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. There is no world language requirement.

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. After the student has completed the required coursework, they will take a comprehensive examination that includes both a written dissertation prospectus and an oral defense. Upon successfully completing the exam, they begin work on their dissertation. Contact the graduate studies director for more information.