

Philosophy, MA

The Master of Arts in philosophy is not offered as a terminal degree. It is awarded to students as they work toward the philosophy PhD or as part of the combined MA/JD program.

Learning Outcomes

- Breadth of knowledge: demonstrate knowledge of a wide range of areas in philosophy—metaphysics and epistemology; value theory; history of philosophy; and logic, philosophy of mathematics, and philosophy of science.
- Depth of knowledge: demonstrate advanced knowledge in at least one major subarea of philosophy.
- Scholarship and research skills: develop the skills required to conduct rigorous philosophical research, including philosophical writing and communication skills; and the ability to engage others' work.
- Professionalization and career preparation: understand the disciplinary norms and standards of research, and of professional and collegial engagement with others; and develop a portfolio and skills contributing to one's career prospects, guided by one's career goals and interests, and informed by different possible career opportunities and trajectories.