Philosophy, PhD

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
72 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. [a, b, c]		
Graduate College program GPA of at least 3.00 is required. [d]		
	Hours	**0**
First Year		
Fall		
History of philosophy course [e]		3
Metaphysics and epistemology course [f]		3
Value theory course [g]		3
	Hours	**9**
Spring		
PHIL:6920	Philosophy Colloquium [h]	3
History of philosophy course [e]		3
Logic, philosophy of science, or philosophy of math course [i]		3
Metaphysics and epistemology course [f]		3
	Hours	**12**
Second Year		
Fall		
History of philosophy course [e]		3
Metaphysics and epistemology course [f]		3
Value theory course [g]		3
	Hours	**9**
Spring		
PHIL:6920	Philosophy Colloquium [h]	3
Logic, philosophy of science, or philosophy of math course [i]		3
Value theory course [g]		3
Secondary area of concentration course [j]		3
	Hours	**12**
Third Year		
Fall		
Area of specialization course [k]		3
Secondary area of concentration course [j, l]		3
Elective course [m]		3
	Hours	**9**
Spring		
Exam: Doctoral Comprehensive Exam [n]		
PHIL:6920	Philosophy Colloquium	3
Independent study in philosophy [o]		3
	Hours	**6**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
PHIL:7900	Thesis	3
	Hours	**3**
Spring		
PHIL:6920	Philosophy Colloquium	3
PHIL:7900	Thesis	3
	Hours	**6**
Fifth Year		
Fall		
PHIL:7900	Thesis	3
	Hours	**3**
Spring		
PHIL:7900	Thesis	3
Exam: Doctoral Final Exam [p]		
	Hours	**3**
	Total Hours	**72**

a Students must take Department of Philosophy courses (prefix PHIL) that are numbered 4000 and above; graduate transfer credits of up to 9 s.h. (maximum of 3 s.h. for any distribution area) allowed upon approval.

b Four main areas: 1) Metaphysics and Epistemology (metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, philosophy of religion); 2) History (ancient philosophy, medieval philosophy, early modern philosophy, 19th century philosophy, 20th century philosophy; 3) Logic/Philosophy of Science/Philosophy of Mathematics (logic, philosophy of science, philosophy of mathematics); 4) Value Theory (ethics, aesthetics, political philosophy, philosophy of law).

c Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

d Graduate College program GPA is comprised of all courses that are approved degree requirements. If a student takes more than the minimum required number of semester hours to complete the degree, but all courses taken are eligible to count toward the degree, those courses will be included in the Graduate College program GPA.

e 9 s.h. total coursework required with grades of B or better, 3 s.h. of which should be in ancient philosophy and 3 s.h. in modern philosophy.

f 9 s.h. total coursework required with grades of B or better, 3 s.h. of which should be a seminar.

g 9 s.h. total coursework required with grades of B or better.

h Course on varied topics in the profession: pedagogy, writing, publication, career preparation, etc.

i 6 s.h. total coursework required with grades of B or better.

j Must take two additional courses in one of the four main areas of distribution; must be different from the student's area of specialization. Requested exceptions to this rule possible with approval.

k Can overlap with other requirements. Note: 9 s.h. of specialization coursework required. Must pass three courses in a specific area (e.g., metaphysics, epistemology, ancient, logic).

l Should have completed all distribution and secondary area requirements.

mIncludes professionalization courses, research and thesis credit; must be numbered 4000 or above. May include

coursework from other units relevant to one's philosophical research with approval.

n Written and oral exam, consisting of a written dissertation prospectus and oral defense of the prospectus.

o Work with advisor on research relevant to comprehensive exam (dissertation prospectus).

p Dissertation defense.