PHILOSOPHY, M.A.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

- **Accelerated**: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.
- **Evening/Weekend**: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.
- **Face-to-Face**: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.
- **Hybrid**: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.
- **Online**: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirements Detail

- **Minimum Credit Requirement**: 33 credits
- **Minimum Residence Credit Requirement**: 21 credits taken in PHILOS coursework
- **Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement**: 30 credits must be in graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide (https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/)
- **Overall Graduate GPA Requirement**: 3.00 GPA required.
- **Other Grade Requirements**: The Graduate School requires an average grade of B or better in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student unless conditions for probationary status require higher grades. Grades of Incomplete are considered to be unsatisfactory if they are not removed during the next enrolled semester.

REQUIRED COURSES

At least 21 credits must be earned in philosophy courses numbered between 800 and 989. The remaining credits may be earned either by transferring credits from graduate-level work (with a maximum of 9 credits) or by taking courses at the 400–900 level.

No more than one course at the 400–600 level nor more than one course at the 700 level can count toward the credit-hour requirements for the M.A.

**Code** | **Title** | **Credits**
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- PHILOS 902 | Proseminar in Philosophy | 3
- PHILOS 904 | Teaching Philosophy | 1
- History of Philosophy | | 6
- PHILOS/CLASSICS 830 | Advanced History of Philosophy | 3
- PHILOS 835 | Advanced History of Philosophy | 3

**900-level Seminars**

The number of courses a student takes on this list depends on how many credits are taken in history seminars, transferred credits, etc. Typically students take between seven and nine seminars at the 900 level, each at 3 credits. Three seminars must be in the major area; three seminars should be in other areas of philosophy.

- PHILOS 903 | Seminar: Epistemology | 3
- PHILOS 911 | Seminar-Logic | 3
- PHILOS 916 | Seminar-Philosophy of Language | 3
- PHILOS 920 | Seminar-Philosophy of Science: Causation, Explanation & Probability | 3
- PHILOS 941 | Seminar-Ethics | 3
- PHILOS 951 | Seminar-Philosophy of Mind | 3
- PHILOS 955 | Seminar Social and Political Philosophy | 3
- PHILOS 960 | Metaphysics Seminar | 3

1. No more than one 701 course can count toward the 33-credit-hour requirement for the M.A. Students typically take one PHILOS 701 Reading Seminar course before advancing to candidacy/earning the M.A. degree.
2. Required of all first-year graduate students.
3. Required of all graduate students in their first year of teaching.

Contact the program for information on any additional required courses.