PHILOSOPHY, PH.D.

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

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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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

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement

All 51 credits except for 3 credits must be in graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide (http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle). *For students seeking a dual Ph.D./J.D., 42 of 51 credits must be in graduate-level coursework.

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.

Courses must be passed with a grade of B or better, except for PHILOS 701, which requires a grade of S.

Assessments and Examinations

Doctoral students must pass a preliminary examination, which includes a written exam, oral defense, and a dissertation proposal defense. Doctoral students are required to take a comprehensive preliminary/oral examination after they have cleared their record of all Incomplete and Progress grades (other than research and thesis). Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required. Writing the dissertation, candidates must pass an oral defense of the completed dissertation.

Language Requirements

No language requirements. Students in the History of Philosophy area may find it important to take additional language courses in consultation with their advisor.

Doctoral Minor/Breadth Requirements

All doctoral students are required to complete a minor.

REQUIRED COURSES

Students must complete the requirements for the Philosophy M.A. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/philosophy/philosophy-ma/#requirementstext) in addition to those requirements, students must adhere to the following:

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Beyond the restriction at the MA level, only one more course may be at the 700 level. 1

Earn the remainder of the credits by taking directed research or thesis-prep courses (e.g., PHILOS 990 Research and Thesis).

1 Reading seminars: Each seminar meets with a concurrently offered reading seminar PHILOS 701 Reading Seminar. Students attend all the seminar meetings and do the readings, but have a substantially lighter workload, determined by the professor before the beginning of the semester. Students may take as many PHILOS 701 Reading Seminars as they like; however, only two PHILOS 701 Reading Seminars can count toward the seminar requirement for the Ph.D. No more than two PHILOS 701 Reading Seminars can be applied to the 51-credit-hour requirement for the Ph.D. Some students may take any other PHILOS seminar between 800 and 984 (excluding 990) instead of this requirement.