

PHILOSOPHY, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

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

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

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

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits; 27 credits must be taken in PHILOS coursework
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	48 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.50 GPA required.
Other Grade Requirements	Philosophy requires a grade of B or better in all PHILOS seminars.

Assessments and Examinations Students are required to complete the following:

- satisfy the preliminary exam requirement;
- satisfy the prospectus requirement; and
- satisfy the thesis and oral defense requirements.

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

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

A minor composed only of Philosophy courses is possible. Completion of such a minor requires a student takes at least three courses, numbered 500 or above, including two graduate seminars, all of which fall outside their major area of specialization.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
Proseminar		3
Students must complete the following course.		
PHILOS 902	Proseminar in Philosophy	
Teaching Seminar		1
Students must complete the following course during the first year of teaching.		
PHILOS 904	Teaching Philosophy	
Other Seminars		30
Students must complete 30 credits or 10 seminars from the following:		
PHILOS 701	Reading Seminar	
PHILOS 903	Seminar: Epistemology	
PHILOS 911	Seminar-Logic	
PHILOS 916	Seminar-Philosophy of Language	
PHILOS 920	Seminar-Philosophy of Science:Causation, Explanation & Probability	
PHILOS 941	Seminar-Ethics	
PHILOS 951	Seminar-Philosophy of Mind	
PHILOS 955	Seminar Social and Political Philosophy	
PHILOS 960	Metaphysics Seminar	
<i>History of Philosophy Requirement (6 credits)</i>		
Within the 30-credit or 10 seminar requirement, students must complete 6-credits of History of Philosophy courses.		
PHILOS 830	Advanced History of Philosophy	
PHILOS 835	Advanced History of Philosophy	
Logic		
Students must select one of the three options to complete this requirement:		
<i>Option 1</i>		
Pass a proficiency exam administered by the Logic Committee		

Option 2

Pass an advanced UW logic course like those listed below. Students may apply one of the following courses toward the seminar requirement.

PHILOS 511 Symbolic Logic
or PHILOS 512 Methods of Logic

Option 3

Pass a course at another institution that includes or surpasses the content of PHILOS 511 or PHILOS 512. The Logic Committee will review documentation related to the relevant course's content and determine whether the student satisfies the logic requirement.

Reading Seminar**6**

Students must complete at least 6 credits by choosing one of the options.

Option 1

PHILOS 701 Reading Seminar (taken twice)

Option 2

Students complete an additional seminar numbered 800-900

Research

Students must complete directed research or thesis-prep courses to meet the minimum credit requirement.

PHILOS 990 Research and Thesis 2-9

Total Credits**51****Seminar Requirement**

Each of the other listed seminars (except for the Proseminar and Teaching Seminar) meets with a concurrently offered PHILOS 701 Reading Seminar. Students who complete PHILOS 701 in place of the other listed seminar attend all the seminar meetings and complete the readings, but have a substantially lighter workload, determined by the professor before the beginning of the semester.