

PHILOSOPHY, M.A.

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	34 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	21 credits taken in PHILOS seminars (courses numbered between 800 and 989).
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	30 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/)).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.5 GPA required.
Other Grade Requirements	Philosophy requires a grade of B or better in all PHILOS seminars.

Assessments and Examinations None for the master's degree.

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.

REQUIRED COURSES

Philosophy courses in our department are more or less divided into two categories: ethics, aesthetics, and social and political philosophy; and metaphysics, epistemology, logic, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, or philosophy of science. Students are expected to take courses in both categories.

First year graduate students may not register for PHILOS 599 Directed Study, PHILOS 699 Directed Study, or PHILOS courses numbered 990-998. Note that no more than one course at the 400-600 level can count toward the credit hour requirements for the MA.

Code	Title	Credits
Proseminar Requirement		3
All students are expected to take the first year proseminar in their first semester in the program.		
PHILOS 902	Proseminar in Philosophy	
Teaching Seminar Requirement		1
Students must take this course during the first year of teaching.		
PHILOS 904	Teaching Philosophy	
Other Seminar Requirements		30
Students must also complete 10 seminars from the following:		
PHILOS 701	Reading Seminar ¹	
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</i>		
Within the 10 seminar requirement, students must complete 6 credits of History of Philosophy courses.		
PHILOS/ CLASSICS 830	Advanced History of Philosophy	
PHILOS 835	Advanced History of Philosophy	
Logic Requirement		

Students meet the logic requirement through one of four paths: 1) Take PHILOS 511 or PHILOS 512; 2) Take PHILOS 211 (does not count for credit for the MA), 3) using prior graduate coursework from another institution, or 4) Receiving an A on the final examination in PHILOS 211. Students who opt for the first path may count PHILOS 511 or PHILOS 512 toward the 10 seminar requirement.

Total Credits

34

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No more than one 701 course can count toward the 34-credit-hour requirement for the M.A.

Each of the other listed seminars (except for the Proseminar and Teaching Seminar) meets with a concurrently offered PHILOS 701 Reading Seminar. Students who take PHILOS 701 in place of the other listed seminar 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.