

PHILOSOPHY, PH.D.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	January 5
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

For admission to the Ph.D. program with full graduate standing, a student must have completed the equivalent of a B.A. with a major in philosophy. Promising students who do not meet this requirement may be admitted with deficiencies provided that they have completed at least 12 credits in philosophy.

The deadline for applications is January 5. You must apply online by that date to be considered for admission.

The process begins with the application to the UW–Madison Graduate School (<https://apply.grad.wisc.edu/Account/Login/?ReturnUrl=%2f>).

Answer all required questions and be sure to submit the following:

1. Reasons for Study (also called Statement of Purpose)
2. Names of at least three professors and their email addresses for letters of recommendation
3. TOEFL or Melab scores if your native language is not English
4. Supplemental application (questionnaire about what philosophy courses you've already studied)
5. Writing sample (4,500–6,000 words recommended, which is 15–20 pages double-spaced, devoted to a philosophical subject)

GRE scores are not required and will not be looked at.

Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English, must provide an English proficiency test score. Please see the specific English proficiency requirements here (<https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements/>).

If you have questions about the process of applying, contact Miriam Fagan, graduate coordinator, uwmadisongradprogram@philosophy.wisc.edu or 608-263-5278.