

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

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	At least 48 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 Students are required to:
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 in consultation with their advisor.

Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a minor or Graduate/Professional certificate.

A minor composed only of Philosophy courses is possible (Option B); completion of such a minor requires that 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

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:

Code	Title	Credits
PHILOS 701	Reading Seminar ¹	3
Earn the remainder of the credits by taking directed research or thesis-prep courses (e.g., PHILOS 990 Research and Thesis).		

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PhD students must complete an additional 800-900 level seminar or take PHILOS 701 Reading Seminar a second time (in addition to the first taken as an MA student).

Each of the other listed seminars on the MA Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/philosophy/philosophy-ma/#requirementstext>) (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.