

2011-2012 Graduate Calendar

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Students are responsible for maintaining a current mailing address with the University. Address changes can be made, in writing, through the Office of Graduate Studies.

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The University undertakes to protect the privacy of each student and the confidentiality of his or her record. To this end the University shall refuse to disclose personal information to any person other than the individual to whom the information relates where disclosure would constitute an unjustified invasion of the personal privacy of that person or of any other individual. All members of the University community must respect the confidential nature of the student information which they acquire in the course of their work.

Complete policy at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/policies>.

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MA Program

The Philosophy Department includes a wide range of expertise which allows students accepted into the MA program to both extend their philosophical background at the graduate level and to concentrate their research project in any of a number of different areas such as the history of philosophy, ethics, social and political philosophy, feminist philosophy, philosophy of religion, epistemology, philosophy of mind, metaphysics, philosophy of science. There is also a diversity of approaches within the department. There is faculty expertise in Continental, analytic, and other philosophical traditions and approaches. It is primarily a research degree and the program will involve either an MA thesis or the smaller Guided Research Project (together with a few more courses than with the thesis option).

Admission Requirements

A four-year bachelor's degree from a recognized university. Normally this will include at least a major in philosophy, although the program is also open to students who may not have had a substantial number of philosophy undergraduate courses but who provide evidence of philosophical ability. In all cases, in order to be considered for admission to the MA program, the department requires that the average grade over the last 10.00 credits of studies (i.e., a normal two years of full-time studies on the University of Guelph system) be at least 75%. All applicants are required to submit a sample of writing. Further details can be found on the [Philosophy Department website](#).

Degree Requirements

All students must take the MA Seminar (PHIL*6950) and complete either a thesis of between 20,000 and 30,000 words or a research project of between 10,000 and 15,000 words. Candidates by thesis must take at least four semester-long courses plus the two-semester MA Seminar. Candidates by research project must take at least six semester-long courses plus the two-semester MA Seminar plus the Guided Research Project (PHIL*6990). Candidates with a degree other than philosophy will be assigned courses in accordance with their needs and background up to a maximum of six additional semester courses. There are also several prerequisite courses required for the MA. See <http://www.uoguelph.ca/philosophy> for details.

Regardless of the option chosen, the MA in Philosophy at Guelph is a research degree, in which the responsibility for study begins to shift from the faculty to the student. Students in both streams are expected to develop their own topic for research. The Philosophy MA can normally be completed in 4 semesters, whichever stream is chosen.

PhD Program

The University of Guelph offers a program leading to a PhD in philosophy. The aim of the PhD program is to develop philosophers who are well rounded in the traditional areas of study and who have achieved a high level of expertise in their special fields of research.

The program offers supervision in most of the traditional areas of philosophy but the special strengths of the program are in: 1) Continental, Social and Political Philosophy; (2) History of Western Philosophy; (3) Philosophy of Science, Mind and Language.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the program is restricted to those who have an MA in philosophy, or an outstanding record in undergraduate studies in philosophy.

Degree Requirements

Students are normally required to take between six and ten courses plus the PhD Research Seminar (PHIL*6960). Students must also demonstrate knowledge in at least five designated fields of study. This may be done by course work, by examination, by thesis or by a suitable combination of these. Students must pass an Oral Qualifying Examination by the end of their fifth semester in the program. Students in the program may be required to demonstrate competence in one or more skills which their advisory committee decides, in consultation with the program officer, is needed for their dissertation (e.g. a language other than English). PhD candidates must submit a thesis of not more than 75,000 words (250 pages). More details are available at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/philosophy>.

Courses

Except where specified, the courses listed below may be offered in any semester, subject to student demand and the availability of an instructor.

PHIL*6000 Value Theory U [0.50]

A critical examination of some selected contemporary works in value theory or aesthetics.

PHIL*6060 Logic U [0.50]

A course designed to bring the individual student to the level of competence in logical techniques and theory required for graduate studies.

PHIL*6110 Philosophy of Religion U [0.50]

A critical examination of some selected major works or central problems in the philosophy of religion.

PHIL*6120 Philosophy of Mind U [0.50]

A study of contemporary theories of mind and philosophies of psychology.

PHIL*6140 Contemporary European Philosophy I U [0.50]

A study of the historical and contemporary origins of existentialism, phenomenology and post-modernism, concentrating on one or several of the classic texts.

PHIL*6150 Contemporary European Philosophy II U [0.50]

A study of the historical and contemporary origins of existentialism, phenomenology and post-modernism, concentrating on texts not covered in PHIL*6140 in the same year.

PHIL*6200 Problems of Contemporary Philosophy U [0.50]

A study of a particular set of problems in contemporary philosophy.

PHIL*6210 Metaphysics U [0.50]

A critical examination of some selected major works or central problems in metaphysics.

PHIL*6220 Epistemology U [0.50]

A critical examination of some selected major works or central problems in epistemology.

PHIL*6230 Ethics U [0.50]

A critical examination of some selected contemporary works or problems in ethical theory.

PHIL*6240 Biomedical Ethics U [0.50]

A critical examination of some selected contemporary works or of problems in biomedical ethics.

PHIL*6310 Plato U [0.50]
A study of some of the major works of Plato.
PHIL*6311 Aristotle U [0.50]
A study of some of the major works of Aristotle.
PHIL*6320 Medieval Philosophy U [0.50]
A close examination of particular problems and texts of the medieval period
PHIL*6340 Modern Philosophy U [0.50]
An examination of major texts, from Descartes to Mill.
PHIL*6500 John Locke U [0.50]
A critical examination of the works of John Locke.
PHIL*6530 Kant U [0.50]
A critical examination of the works of Immanuel Kant.
PHIL*6600 Social and Political Philosophy U [0.50]
A critical examination of some selected contemporary works or central problems in the field of social philosophy.
PHIL*6700 Survey of Ancient Philosophy U [0.50]
A survey of ancient philosophy.
PHIL*6710 Survey of Early Modern Philosophy U [0.50]
A survey of modern philosophy from Hobbes to Hume.
PHIL*6720 History of the Philosophy of Science U [0.50]
A survey of the history of the philosophy of science from the Presocratics to the Positivists.
PHIL*6730 Contemporary Philosophy of Science U [0.50]
An examination of the contemporary discipline of the philosophy of science.
PHIL*6740 Philosophy of Biology U [0.50]
A general introduction to the history and philosophy of biology.
PHIL*6760 Science and Ethics U [0.50]
A consideration of the problems which arise in the conjunction of science and ethics.
PHIL*6810 Survey of Late Modern Philosophy U [0.50]
A survey of modern philosophy from Kant to the late 19th century.
PHIL*6900 Reading Course U [0.50]
PHIL*6930 Selected Topics I U [0.50]
Topics in this course will vary from offering to offering.
PHIL*6940 Selected Topics II U [0.50]
Topics in this course will vary from offering to offering.
PHIL*6950 MA Seminar U [0.50]
A seminar course in which students work on developing a range of academic skills for doing professional philosophy. This course is pass/fail and is mandatory for all incoming MA students. Please refer to the Philosophy Department website for a comprehensive description of this course.
PHIL*6960 PhD Graduate Seminar U [0.50]
A seminar course in which students work on developing a range of academic skills for doing professional philosophy. This course is pass/fail and is mandatory for all second year PhD students. Please refer to the Philosophy Department website for a comprehensive description of this course.
PHIL*6990 Guided Research Project U [1.00]
A guided research project undertaken by students doing an MA by course work, under the supervision of a faculty member.