

PHILOSOPHY DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

The Ph.D. program requires a minimum of 90 hours of graduate work, of which a maximum of 39 hours may be dissertation research. “Symbolic Logic II,” nine hours of history of philosophy (at least three in ancient and three in modern), nine hours of metaphysics and/or epistemology (at least three in metaphysics and three in epistemology), and nine hours of ethics (at least six in non-applied ethics) are required. All required courses must be passed with a grade of B or better. With approval of the advisory committee, up to 12 hours may be taken outside the department. Students in the Ph.D. program must pass a qualifying exam in their first or second year as described in the graduate syllabus. Doctoral candidates should be thoroughly familiar with the general requirements of the Graduate College. Where it is deemed necessary, the advisory committee may require proficiency in one or more foreign languages. After successfully completing a general examination in the student’s special field, followed by an oral examination, the student will prepare and submit a dissertation, which is supervised by the student’s dissertation committee.