

# Philosophy- Master of Arts

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## Research and Support Facilities

In addition to university resources, the department has a lecture series and an extensive library, which is especially strong in books on feminist thought. Computers are available for philosophy graduate assistants to use for course work. Students also have shared offices available for their use.

## Admission Requirements

Admission requirements include three letters of recommendation, transcript, Graduate Record Examination (GRE), a statement of purpose, and a writing sample.

## Combined Bachelor/Master's Program

High-achieving undergraduate majors can apply for admission to the combined BA/MA program, in which students can earn a BA and an MA in 5 years. To be eligible to apply for the combined degree program, students must have completed at least 64 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.25 and have completed at least half of the department credit hour requirements for the major. Please contact the department's Director of Graduate Studies for more information about this option.

## Program Requirements

(46 semester hours)

This program requires full-time enrollment and includes a minimum of ten 4 credit-hour graduate courses in philosophy plus two research seminars and one teaching practicum. This is typically done in two years by taking three graduate courses each fall semester and two graduate courses plus the graduate research seminar each spring semester, with the addition of the teaching practicum in the spring semester of the second year. For the research seminar, students select one essay from their courses each year to develop into an extended paper worthy of submission for publication, and defend that paper in an oral exam. While the exam focuses on the paper, it also tests the student's mastery of those fields of philosophy related to the paper. The teaching practicum introduces students to the pedagogy of philosophy by practicing and reflecting upon the fundamentals of grading, teaching, giving a lecture, directing a discussion group and preparing a syllabus as these activities specifically apply to the discipline.