

# PHILOSOPHY, PHD

The Penn Philosophy Department has a long and distinguished history. Philosophy has been taught at the University since 1755, and Penn was among the first universities in the country to offer the PhD degree in Philosophy, in 1882. The Department has always prized breadth, and its members are prepared to supervise advanced research in metaphysics and epistemology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of science, logic, philosophy of language, ethics, social and political philosophy, philosophy of law, and the history of philosophy.

The Ph.D. program includes course work, a teaching requirement, a preliminary examination, and the preparation and defense of a dissertation. Required coursework includes two courses in contemporary epistemology and metaphysics (including philosophy of science, mind, language, and mathematics); two courses in value theory (ethics, political or legal philosophy, aesthetics); three courses in history of philosophy, and a logic requirement.

**For more information:** <http://philosophy.sas.upenn.edu/graduate> (<http://philosophy.sas.upenn.edu/graduate/>)

View the University's Academic Rules for PhD Programs (<http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-phd/>).

## Required Courses

The total course units required for graduation is 20.

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>Philosophy Proseminar</b>		
PHIL 6000	Proseminar	1
<b>Logic Requirement</b>		
PHIL 5710	Introduction to Logic (or satisfied by examination)	1
or PHIL 6723	Introduction to Mathematical Logic	
<b>History of Philosophy Requirement</b>		
Select three courses <sup>1</sup>		3
Attribute HDPH - PhD History of Philosophy		
<b>Value Theory</b>		
Select two courses		2
Attribute HDPV - PhD Value Theory		
<b>Contemporary Metaphysics &amp; Epistemology</b>		
Select two courses		2
Attribute HDPM - PHIL PhD Mtpphys&Epstlgy		
<b>Other Philosophy or Approved Courses</b>		
Select four courses <sup>2</sup>		4
<b>Teaching Practicum</b>		
Four semesters		4
<b>Dissertation Workshop</b>		
PHIL 7000	Dissertation Workshop	1
<b>Preliminary Examination</b>		
PHIL 9999	Independent Study (Fall and Spring, for 2CU over the year)	2
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>20</b>

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Must include one course in ancient and one course in early modern through Kant.

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One course unit must be a regularly offered Philosophy course.

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The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2023 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

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