# 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 Requirements for PhD Degrees ([http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-phd/](http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-phd/)).

## Required Courses

The total course units required for graduation is 20.

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- **Logic Requirement**
  - PHIL 505  Formal Logic I (or satisfied by examination) 1
  - or PHIL 506  Formal Logic II 1

- **History of Philosophy Requirement**
  - Select three courses 3

- **Value Theory**
  - Select two courses 2

- **Contemporary Metaphysics & Epistemology**
  - Select two courses 2

- **Other Philosophy or Approved Courses**
  - Select four courses 4

- **Teaching Practicum**
  - Four semesters 4

- **Dissertation Workshop**
  - PHIL 700  Dissertation Workshop 1

- **Preliminary Examination**
  - PHIL 999  Independent Study 1

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

2 One course unit must be a regularly offered Philosophy course.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2020 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.