

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Program of Study and Administrative Procedures for an M.A. in Philosophy

I. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for an M.A. in Philosophy will follow either Plan A or Plan B.

Master of Arts in Philosophy, Plan A (Thesis)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Cr</u>
REQUIRED COURSES		
PHIL 500	Seminar in Major Philosophical Texts	3
PHIL 547	Seminar in Meta-Ethics	3
	TOTAL	<hr/> 6
PHILOSOPHY ELECTIVES		
PHIL ***	Philosophy Electives ^{1, 2, 3, 4}	12-21
	TOTAL	<hr/> 12-21
OUT-OF-DEPARTMENT COURSES		
	Out-of-Department Courses ²	0-9
	TOTAL	<hr/> 0-9
THESIS		
PHIL 699	Thesis	3-9
	TOTAL	<hr/> 3-9
PROGRAM TOTAL = minimum 30 credits⁵		

Master of Arts in Philosophy, Plan B (Written and Oral Exam)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Cr</u>
REQUIRED COURSES		
PHIL 500	Seminar in Major Philosophical Texts	3
PHIL 547	Seminar in Meta-Ethics	3
	TOTAL	<hr/> 6
PHILOSOPHY ELECTIVES		
PHIL ***	Philosophy Electives ^{1, 2, 3, 4}	15-24
	TOTAL	<hr/> 15-24
OUT-OF-DEPARTMENT COURSES		
	Out-of-Department Courses ²	0-9
	TOTAL	<hr/> 0-9
RESEARCH		
PHIL 698	Research	3-6
	TOTAL	<hr/> 3-6
FINAL EXAMINATION		
		0
PROGRAM TOTAL = minimum 33 credits⁵		

¹ Select courses with PHIL subject code. A minimum of 6 credits must be taken as regular courses (courses ending in -00 through -81) at the 500- or 600-level.

² Students may select a maximum of 6 credits total within the program at the 400-level with approval of advisor and graduate committee.

³ A maximum of 6 credits may be taken as PHIL 695, Independent Study, and/or PHIL 697, Group Study.

⁴ A maximum of 2 credits may be taken as PHIL 684, Supervised College Teaching.

⁵ Students must complete the minimum number of credits specified in the official program of study and all credit requirements specified in the Graduate Bulletin for their degree.

II. ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

For admission as a regular graduate student in philosophy, an applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and must either have an acceptable academic background in philosophy or take courses at Colorado State University which will provide him or her with the needed background. These courses are listed under Section IV, "Minimum Area Policies for Graduate Students in Philosophy," below.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. First Year

As soon as possible, students should consult with the Director of Graduate Studies, who will assign them a temporary advisor. The temporary advisor may be changed when the student decides upon a plan of study.

By the end of their second semester, students should select an official advisor to serve as chair of their graduate committee. Students should develop their plan of study in consultation with their advisor.

2. Second Year

Students should submit the GS6 Program of Study form to the Graduate School by the beginning of their second year. At this time, members of the student's graduate committee should be finalized. A student's graduate committee is composed of the advisor, at least one other member of the Department of Philosophy, and at least one other member from a department outside philosophy. The committee is appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School on the recommendation of the Chair of the Department of Philosophy in consultation with the student's advisor. The student's graduate committee shall advise the student, recommend his or her course of study for approval, recommend him or her for candidacy, and have general supervision over the thesis or final examination.

Students should submit the GS25 Application for Graduation near the start of their final semester and successfully defend their theses (Plan A) or final examinations (Plan B) by the University's deadline for graduation. (The deadlines for graduation vary by semester.)

IV. MINIMUM AREA POLICIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS IN PHILOSOPHY

To qualify as a candidate for the M.A. degree in philosophy, students will normally be expected to have done work as specified in each of the following areas, with equivalents of the courses listed.

1. a. History of Ancient Greek Philosophy (PHIL 300)
b. 17th and 18th-Century Philosophy (PHIL 301)
c. an additional upper-level history of philosophy course (e.g., PHIL 302, PHIL 407, PHIL 409)
2. Introduction to Formal Logic (PHIL 210)
3. Epistemology (PHIL 425) **or** Metaphysics (PHIL 435)
4. Ethical Theory (PHIL 447)

Deficiencies in any of these areas will have to be made up by the student and will **not** count toward the M.A.