DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD) DEGREE IN THE FIELD OF PHILOSOPHY

Program Learning Outcomes for the PhD Degree in the field of Philosophy

Upon completing the PhD degree in the field of Philosophy, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate advanced skills of reading philosophical texts critically and with understanding of the problems and contexts.
2. Demonstrate the ability to communicate clearly and logically their own views on a range of important philosophical problems at an advanced level.
3. Demonstrate an understanding in depth of the content and context of one of the main areas of philosophy.
4. Propose, evaluate, and defend original views in at least one of the main areas of philosophy.
5. Demonstrate the ability to make an original contribution to their field.

Requirements for the MA and PhD Degrees in the field of Philosophy

The MA degree can be either a thesis or a non-thesis master’s degree depending on the option the student pursues. For general university requirements for thesis master’s degrees, please see Thesis Master’s Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-thesis-masters-degrees). For general university requirements for non-thesis master’s degrees, please see Non-Thesis Master’s Degrees (ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-non-thesis-masters-degrees).

MA Degree Program

Students pursuing the non-thesis MA degree in the field of Philosophy must:

- Complete at least two semesters in residence at Rice University.
- Complete 42 credit hours of courses approved for graduate credit in philosophy at Rice University with a grade of B- (2.67 grade points) or better in each course.
- Accumulate an overall GPA of at least 3.00.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours in philosophy at the 500-level or higher.
- Satisfy the departmental logic requirement (PHIL 505 or examination).
- Complete at least 5 courses in an area of concentration.
- Satisfactorily complete departmental duties.
- File a petition for certification of the non-thesis master’s degree. This petition can be obtained from the graduate administrator and must be approved and signed by the department chair and submitted to the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies according to the deadlines posted in the Academic Calendar (http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars).

Students pursuing the thesis MA degree in the field of Philosophy must:

- Complete with high standing at least 30 credit hours in advanced courses approved by the department.
- Complete a written thesis on a subject approved by the department.
- Perform satisfactorily on a final oral examination (not limited to the student’s special field of study).

PhD Degree Program

Students pursuing the PhD degree in the field of Philosophy must:

- Complete with high standing at least 30 credit hours in advanced coursework approved by the department (including logic).
- Demonstrate competence in logic.
- Pass a qualifying examination.
- Perform satisfactorily on an oral defense of their thesis proposal.
- Complete a written thesis on a subject approved by the department (at least one year of thesis research must be spent in residence).
- Perform satisfactorily on a final oral examination (not limited to the student’s special field of study).

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Policies for the PhD Degree in the field of Philosophy

Department of Philosophy Graduate Program Handbook

The General Announcements (GA) is the official Rice curriculum. As an additional resource for students, the Department of Philosophy publishes a graduate program handbook, which can be found here: http://gradhandbooks.rice.edu/2018_19/Philosophy_Graduate_Handbook.pdf

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Philosophy website at: https://philosophy.rice.edu.

Opportunities for the PhD Degree in the field of Philosophy

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For additional information, please see the Philosophy website at: https://philosophy.rice.edu.

See https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life for tables of fellowships, prizes, and internships/practica that may be relevant to this degree.