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Academic Program

The Philosophy Department seeks to provide a solid foundation in the history of Western philosophy, approaching traditional problems and texts in the light of contemporary interests and methods. Study and research focus on classic texts from the ancient, modern (16th through 18th centuries), and contemporary periods. Students may also combine philosophy with other interests.

The faculty includes philosophers from the other Claremont Colleges, who teach and advise at the graduate level, as well as full-time CGU appointees. The program is enriched by visitors from other universities and countries and by the participation of accomplished adjunct faculty.

The department offers both a Master of Arts degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree. The M.A. program is designed for students who seek either to expand their experience with the Western philosophical tradition in preparation for pursuing professional degrees and occupations outside of philosophy, or to enrich their knowledge of the fundamental strands of that tradition before moving on to more specialized study in Ph.D. programs in philosophy. The Ph.D. pro-

gram admits at most a few students each year, typically graduates of the M.A. program who plan to specialize in the history of philosophy. Many graduates of our M.A. program go on to Ph.D. programs elsewhere.

Advising. First-year students meet individually with advisors before they register for the first semester and again later in the second semester to discuss their progress. Advanced students are advised individually as needed.

MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Master of Arts Degree

The M.A. degree requires 40 units of coursework, which usually can be completed comfortably in two years of study. Students may choose a concentration in:

- History of ancient philosophy
- History of modern philosophy
- Contemporary philosophy

All three concentrations require one course each in the following fields: ancient philosophy, modern philosophy, ethics or value theory, logic, and one graduate humanities course not in philosophy.

The concentration in ancient philosophy requires, in addition, an advanced seminar in ancient philosophy and reading competence in ancient Greek. (The program offers courses in ancient Greek to help students meet this competence requirement.) The concentration in modern philosophy requires an advanced seminar in modern philosophy and reading competence in French, German, or Latin. The concentration in contemporary philosophy requires an advanced seminar in contemporary philosophy, and reading competence in one approved foreign language.

DUAL DEGREE

M.A. in Philosophy/Ph.D. in Religion

The M.A. in Philosophy/Ph.D. in Religion dual degree program is designed for students who need a strong general foundation in philosophy to support their work in the philosophy of religion. It also constitutes a good dual qualification for teaching, particularly in colleges with joint philosophy and religion departments. Of the 40 units required for the M.A., 12 units will be counted from philosophy of religion Ph.D. courses and 28 units will be required philosophy coursework. Course requirements include Topics in Philosophy, Logic I, an approved course in metaphysics or epistemology, an approved course in ethics or value theory, an approved course in modern philosophy, an approved course in ancient philosophy, one advanced seminar not in the philosophy of religion, and 12 units in the philosophy of religion (Ph.D. courses). The Ph.D. component requires these 12 units in philosophy of religion plus an additional 32 units. The student will complete a total of 72 units for both degrees.

Transfer Credits. Up to 12 units may be transferred in on the basis of previous graduate work; this total includes any transfer units credited toward the M.A. in philosophy. The student will need to validate, on the basis of transcripts or breadth exams (to be taken upon entrance), some competence in two areas of religion other than the philosophy of religion, one of which must be a religious tradition outside of the student's own. A reading knowledge of French and German is required. Qualifying examinations are set for the individual student with a view to his or her dissertation topic.

A dual degree program allows a student with an M.A. in philosophy from CGU to pursue an M.B.A. and a Ph.D. in philosophy, and complete the course requirements for both degrees in three years. This program will be particularly useful to those planning management careers, in either the public or the private sector, in which decisions touch on matters of law and social policy.

Dual-Degree Master's Program

Students enrolled in other programs at CGU may also pursue an M.A. in philosophy in any of the above tracks upon admission to a dual degree program. For more information about the dual degree in general, see the "Dual Degree Programs" section in this *Bulletin*.

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Course Requirements. For the general requirements for the Ph.D. degree, see the "Degree Regulations" section in this *Bulletin*.

The Ph.D. degree requires 32 units beyond the CGU M.A., including two additional seminars.

Folio. The folio is the main basis for determining whether a student has acquired the abilities necessary for dissertation work. It should demonstrate the student's mastery of technical skills, capacity for both original and exegetical work, and breadth of knowledge. It consists of three 4,000- to 5,000-word papers on topics formulated by the student with consultation of the faculty. Formal approval of these topics must be secured at least one semester before the folio is submitted. A dissertation prospectus should be submitted with the folio, and the student is advanced to candidacy after passing a qualifying oral examination that concentrates on, but is not restricted to, the folio and the dissertation prospectus. Students normally write the folio in their third year of study.

Language and Research Tools. Students must demonstrate a reading knowledge of two foreign languages before scheduling the qualifying oral examination on the folio.

With the advisor's approval, a Ph.D. student may substitute the second language requirement with Digital Humanities (HUM 340), (research tool). No degree units will be given for this research tool. This workshop is normally offered during the summer session.

Transdisciplinary Course Requirement. All students who enter the doctoral program after the fall 2004 semester are required to complete the transdisciplinary course requirement within the first two years of their program. For details on the requirement, see the "Doctor of Philosophy Degree" section in this *Bulletin*.

Preliminary Oral Examination. On the basis of the dissertation prospectus and the qualifying oral examination, the qualifying examination committee recommends a dissertation supervisory committee to direct work on the dissertation. No later than one year after advancement to candidacy, the student takes a preliminary oral examination designed to test the viability of the proposed dissertation and the student's command of the area in which the dissertation falls.

Final Oral Examination. When the dissertation supervisory committee decides that the dissertation is complete and ready for defense, the dean of the school approves a committee to conduct the final oral examination. This examination is open to all interested students and faculty, and is designed to test both the quality of the dissertation and the candidate's general philosophical competence. The Ph.D. degree is awarded only if the committee approves both the dissertation and the oral examination.



Combined Programs

The variety of fields represented in the faculty and the flexibility of Graduate University programs make possible combined programs to suit many individual interests.

Community college teachers of philosophy who wish to advance or refurbish their knowledge of the subject will find it possible to combine work in philosophy and education.

Courses

Courses in such areas as epistemology, ethics, philosophy of mind, political philosophy, and the philosophy of language, as well as courses on figures or movements in the history of philosophy are offered on a regular basis.

Seminars are usually planned and organized to conform to the research interests of advanced graduate students and faculty. All courses and seminars carry 4 units of credit and, since the material treated in a course may differ considerably from year to year, courses may be repeated for credit with faculty approval. Students may petition to earn 2 to 4 units in Tutorial Reading and in Independent Research for topics not available in course and seminar offerings.

PHIL 207	History of Modern Philosophy
PHIL 249	Philosophical Topics: Self-Deception
PHIL 286Q	Pre-Socratic Philosophers
PHIL 300	Philosophical Greek
PHIL 301	Greek Readings
PHIL 303	Philosophy of Science
PHIL 309	Hume
PHIL 310	Kant
PHIL 335	Logic I
PHIL 341	Epistemology
PHIL 352	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 379	Ancient Greek Moral Philosophy
PHIL 403	Research Seminar: Aristotle on Justice
PHIL 410	Research Seminar in Modern Philosophy
PHIL 435	Seminar in Epistemology
PHIL 485	Seminar on Explanation

Tutorials and Research

PHIL 397	Tutorial Reading (M.A.)
PHIL 398	Independent Study (M.A.)
PHIL 400M	Continuous Registration
PHIL 490	Folio and Dissertation Research (Ph.D.)
PHIL 495	Dissertation Research (Ph.D.)
PHIL 497	Tutorial Reading (Ph.D.)
PHIL 498	Independent Research (Ph.D.)
PHIL 499	Doctoral Study (Ph.D.)