PHILOSOPHY (PHD)

Loyola’s PhD in Philosophy is a premiere program for graduate study in continental philosophy, social and political philosophy, and the history of philosophy. It is also renowned for its strengths in feminism, ethics and value theory, critical philosophy of race, and bioethics. Our department values philosophical pluralism and faculty are informed by a variety of traditions and methodologies, so students are exposed to a range of approaches, both analytic and continental, through their coursework. Loyola thus offers doctoral students a uniquely well-rounded education as well as a diversity of research paths that they can pursue.

Curriculum
The PhD in Philosophy requires 48 hours of coursework, a foreign language requirement, qualifying examination, and dissertation. All requirements for the Master of Arts in Philosophy must be satisfied as first stage of doctoral work.

Coursework Requirements

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Select nine 400-level Electives 27
PHIL 590  Dissertation Proposal Seminar 0
Total Hours 48

All PhD students and Master’s students who are writing a thesis must successfully complete UNIV 370 Responsible Conduct in Research and Scholarship or other approved coursework in responsible conduct of research as part of the degree requirements. It is strongly recommended that students complete this two-day training before beginning the dissertation/thesis stage of the program.

Note: Courses may fulfill different distribution requirements on an ad hoc basis, depending on course content. To confirm, please consult Graduate Program Director.

Foreign Language Requirement
A reading knowledge of one foreign language, e.g., German, French, Greek or Latin, is normally required for the doctorate, normally one that the student will use as a research tool for the dissertation. The requirement must be met at two levels:

1. basic language competence and
2. facility with the language in doing philosophy research.

The dissertation topic may also require knowledge of additional foreign languages. In exceptional cases students may petition that the research tool requirement be fulfilled in another way than by knowledge of a foreign language, e.g., by a knowledge of statistics.

PhD Qualifying Examination
The only PhD examination the department requires is a candidacy examination. This examination may be taken after a student has completed all course distribution requirements and the first level of the language or other research tool requirement for the degree. The examination focuses on a dissertation proposal and a draft of the first chapter or an extended review of the literature relevant to the dissertation. It is an oral examination, designed to assess whether the proposal is well formed and a project which the student is prepared to carry out successfully.

Dissertation and Oral Defense
The last stage of the PhD is the writing and defense of a dissertation. The dissertation is written under the direction of a member of the department’s graduate faculty, and must be read and approved by at least two other readers who are ordinarily members of the department’s graduate faculty. Formally, the dissertation begins with the submission of a "Thesis Outline." Upon approval of this outline the student is formally advanced to candidacy. The dissertation is completed with the passing of the public oral defense of the work and its acceptance by the Graduate School.
The MA Degree as Part of the PhD

The Master of Arts in Philosophy is ordinarily earned as the first part of a student’s PhD work. Thirty hours of graduate coursework (10 courses) are required for students in the MA program. These courses must include five of the seven PhD distribution requirements, namely courses in contemporary Analytic Philosophy, Contemporary Continental Philosophy, Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, and Modern Philosophy.

Doctoral students earning the non-terminal MA must pass an oral examination on a research paper they have written. The focus of the examination is on the argument and analysis of the paper, as well as on the background thought that the argument and analysis presuppose.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the PhD in Philosophy, students will have:

• Acquired advanced knowledge and be able to:
  • Demonstrate knowledge of the history of philosophy
  • Demonstrate knowledge of perennial and contemporary issues in philosophy
  • Demonstrate expertise in a particular area of philosophy

• Engaged in discursive and critical thinking and be able to:
  • Identify hidden presuppositions of everyday beliefs
  • Articulate and evaluate philosophical arguments
  • Consider alternative kinds of philosophical argumentation
  • Apply philosophical categories, methods and insights to other areas of human interest, experience, or cognitive inquiry

• Produced and disseminated scholarship and be able to:
  • Frame, research, complete and defend the PhD dissertation
  • Frame, complete and submit papers for scholarly conferences and publications

• Developed effective teaching skills and be able to:
  • Effectively present material
  • Create syllabi and craft a statement of teaching philosophy
  • Run an effective philosophy course
  • Satisfy University and Department expectations of core courses and instructors

• Developed the skills to appreciate and participate in citizenship in the academic community, in the larger community, and in the world and be able to:
  • Work with others for the sake of common purposes
  • Foster Jesuit ideals, including truth and justice
  • Enhance the pleasures of work in common