Harry W. Bass Jr. School of Arts, Humanities, and Technology

Philosophy

Overview

The MA in Philosophy is a two-year program that offers grounding in the history of philosophy. The program also provides professionalization training, either preparing applications to PhD programs or other non-academic opportunities. In addition to strengths in the history of philosophy (ancient, modern, 19th and 20th century philosophy), faculty expertise spans Continental and Analytic traditions and includes areas such as Hermeneutics, Phenomenology, Deconstruction, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Psychiatry, Philosophy of Science and Medicine, Ethics and Moral Psychology, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Race, Philosophy of Gender and Feminism, Chinese Philosophy, and Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Philosophy.

Faculty

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Professor: Charles R. Bambach, Jonathan Tsou

Assistant Professors: Katherine Davies, Humberto González Núnez, Songyao Ren

Professor of Instruction: Lawrence Amato

Associate Professor Emeritus: Peter Park

Master of Arts in Philosophy

33 semester credit hours minimum

Coursework: 33 semester credit hours

Thirty-three semester credit hours taken as organized graduate-level courses in Philosophy (PHIL).

Required Course: 3 semester credit hours

PHIL 6300 Professionalization Seminar

Elective Option: 3 semester credit hours

Students may submit a petition to the program head for up to one graduate course outside of PHIL to be counted toward the degree requirements

Historical Distribution Requirement:

Coursework must cover two of three of the following periods in the history of philosophy:

- Ancient Philosophy
- Modern Philosophy
- 19th and 20th Century Philosophy

Professionalization Seminar:

This seminar is taken in the fall of the second year and is designed to support students in their applications to Ph.D. programs or alt-academic career paths. Possible topics to be covered include revising and polishing a previous final seminar paper (in consultation with supervising professor) to serve as a writing sample, creating a CV, identifying relevant future opportunities (non-academic job market or doctoral programs in philosophy or other field), writing a personal statement, submitting work to conferences, preparing for interviews, etc.

Language Requirement:

Demonstrate (translation exam) or gain the equivalent of (coursework) two years of a relevant foreign language for future research. Students for whom foreign language research capabilities are not relevant may petition the program head for an exemption.

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