DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY PHILOSOPHY
SPECIALIZATION IN CANADIAN STUDIES

The Department of Philosophy offers MA (with or without thesis) and PhD programs in Philosophy. The programs are offered in English and French. According to the University’s policy, students may pursue their studies in the official language of their choice.

The Department participates in the collaborative programs in Women's Studies (at the MA level), in Medieval and Renaissance Studies (at the MA level) and in Canadian Studies (at the PhD level). For more information on these programs, see “Admission Requirements.”

Because of its strength in relevant areas, its bilingual character and its location in the national capital, the University of Ottawa is uniquely positioned to offer a collaborative program leading to a specialization in Canadian Studies at the doctoral level. The program is especially designed for doctoral students in selected programs in the humanities and the social sciences who wish to enrich their training in a particular discipline by including an interdisciplinary component.

The programs are governed by the general regulations (http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=1807) in effect for graduate studies.

Admission Requirements
For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements/) webpage.

Admission Requirements
Candidates are admitted to the PhD on the basis of an MA in Philosophy with a minimum "B+" average.

An application dossier must include official transcripts, two letters of recommendation, a description of the intended field of research, and a sample of written work. For candidates wishing to enter the PhD without an MA the application dossier must include a detailed statement of research plans.

Language Requirements
Proficiency in both French and English is strongly encouraged so that students may take advantage of the full range of activities — lectures, personal contacts, and courses — available in the Department (graduate courses are normally not duplicated in the two languages).

Collaborative Program
The Department of Philosophy is a participating unit in the collaborative program in Canadian Studies at the PhD level. This program has been established for students wishing to enrich their training in Philosophy by including an interdisciplinary component in Canadian Studies. The seminar (CDN 6520 or CDN 6910) fits into the departmental course requirements and does not add to the number of courses required for the PhD in Philosophy.

To be admitted to the program, students must be enrolled in, or have successfully completed, at least one graduate course in Philosophy with Canadian content. The mention "Specialization in Canadian Studies" will be added to the diploma of students who pass the seminar (CDN 6520 or CDN 6910) and successfully defend a thesis on a Canadian topic in Philosophy.

Transfer from Master's to PhD
In addition, for those enrolled in the MA in Philosophy, the Department offers an accelerated entrance to the PhD after completing, with a minimum "A-" average, six courses and a major research paper; normally these requirements can be fulfilled within twelve months. Students accepted into the PhD by this accelerated route do not require an MA. Please note that the minimal admission average requirements for the doctoral program must also be met.

Program Requirements
Doctorate with Collaborative Specialization
The PhD program consists of six (one-term) courses, a comprehensive exam, a thesis project, and a thesis, including defence.

Students enrolled in the collaborative program will be asked to meet both the requirements of their primary program and those of the collaborative program. The units completed for the specialization in Canadian Studies count also towards the primary degree in Philosophy. Additional units are not required.

Compulsory Courses (PHI):
15 elective course units in philosophy (PHI) at the graduate level

Second Language Proficiency Requirement

Compulsory Courses (CDN):
3 course units from:
CDN 6520 Séminaire sur la francophonie canadienne
CDN 6910 Seminar in Canadian Studies

Comprehensive Examination:
PHI 8998 Candidacy Examination (PhD)

Thesis Project:
PHI 8999 Preparation and Presentation of Ph.D. Thesis Project

Thesis:
THD 9999 Doctoral Thesis

Note(s)
Doctoral candidates must also complete a proficiency requirement in the second official language. This requirement can be completed in one of three ways:

- Passing (50%) the FLS 1000 exam; OR
- Completing 6 units of FLS courses at your level (as determined by the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute); OR
- Successfully completing a Philosophy graduate seminar given in French. (N.B. As per University regulations, students may write examinations and papers in the official language of their choice.)

Doctoral students must have sufficient mastery of languages to complete their research project; that is, they must be capable of studying texts in the original language and be able to check translations.

CDN 6520 is offered only in French.

Submission and successful defence of a thesis on a Canadian topic in the participating unit. The proposed topic must be approved by both the participating unit and the Canadian Studies Graduate Committee. At least one of the examiners of the thesis must be a person chosen in consultation with the executive committee of the Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies.

Facilities, Research Centres and Institutes at the Faculty of Arts


For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on Uniweb.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/academic-unit-contact-information/) of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.

Courses

**PHI 5319 Aesthetics and philosophy of art (3 units)**  
*Course Component:* Seminar

**PHI 5320 History of analytic philosophy (3 units)**  
Study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in contemporary analytic philosophy (19th-20th centuries). This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.  
*Course Component:* Lecture

**PHI 5321 History of continental philosophy (3 units)**  
Study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in contemporary continental philosophy (19th-20th centuries). This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.  
*Course Component:* Seminar

**PHI 5323 Asian and Comparative Philosophy (3 units)**  
Internal or comparative study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in Asian philosophy. This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.  
*Course Component:* Seminar

**PHI 5324 Philosophy of mind and cognitive science (3 units)**  
Study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in philosophy of mind and cognitive science. This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.  
*Course Component:* Seminar

**PHI 5325 Metaphilosophy (3 units)**  
Study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in metaphilosophy and/or methodology of philosophy. This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.  
*Course Component:* Seminar

**PHI 5326 Metaethics (3 units)**  
Study of an aspect or a specific set of texts in metaethics. This course has variable topics and may be taken several times if the themes are different.  
*Course Component:* Seminar

**PHI 5331 Ancient Philosophy (3 units)**  
*Course Component:* Seminar

**PHI 5332 Medieval Philosophy (3 units)**  
*Course Component:* Seminar

Minimum Standards

The passing grade in all courses is C+. Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units), the thesis proposal, or whose research progress is deemed unsatisfactory are required to withdraw.

Duration of Program

The program is designed to be completed in four years. The maximum time permitted is six years, or seven years in the case of transfer students.

Thesis Advisory Committee

For information on the Thesis Advisory Committee, please consult the graduate studies secretariat of the Department of Philosophy.

Research

Research Fields & Facilities

Located in the heart of Canada’s capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada’s top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

- Canada and the World
- Health
- e-Society
- Molecular and Environmental Sciences

With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

Research at the Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts is proud of the state of the art research conducted by its professors. In the spirit of showcasing its research to the university community as well as to the general public, the Faculty has created three activities: Dean’s Lecture Series, Treasures of the Library, and Excellence Lectures.
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PHI 8998 Examen de candidature / Candidacy Examination (PhD)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

PHI 8999 Élaboration et présentation du projet de thèse de doctorat / Preparation and Presentation of Ph.D. Thesis Project
Rédaction du projet de thèse de doctorat en consultation avec le superviseur, évaluation par le comité de thèse et, dans le cas d'une approbation, présentation et défense du projet dans le cadre d'un séminaire. La note donnée sera S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant). / Writing of the Ph.D. thesis project in consultation with the supervisor; evaluation by the thesis committee, and, in the case of approbation, presentation and defence of the project in a seminar. The course will be graded S (satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory).
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

CDN 6520 Séminaire sur la francophonie canadienne (3 crédits)
Séminaire sur des thèmes se rapportant à la francophonie canadienne, particulièrement les francophones vivant en situation minoritaire.
Volet : Séminaire

CDN 6910 Séminaire en études canadiennes / Seminar in Canadian Studies (3 crédits / 3 units)
Séminaire interdisciplinaire bilingue sur des sujets se rapportant au Canada. Les thèmes seront choisis en consultation avec les unités participantes, en tenant compte du nombre d'étudiants, de l'orientation de leur recherches et celles des unités participantes. / Bilingual interdisciplinary seminar on issues related to the study of Canada. Topics to be selected in consultation with participating units, taking into consideration the number of students, their research interests and those of the participating units.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar