MASTER OF ARTS
PHILOSOPHY

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).

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 especific-requirements) webpage.

To be admitted to the MA program a candidate must have an honours BA in Philosophy (or the equivalent) with a minimum "B" average. The Department reserves the right to impose a preliminary examination.

Candidates lacking the necessary background may be admitted to a qualifying program.

An application dossier must include official transcripts and two letters of recommendation. For the master's with thesis, the dossier must also include a description of the intended field of research, and a sample of written work in philosophy (15-25 pp.).

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).

In accordance with the University of Ottawa regulation, students have a right to produce their work, their thesis, and to answer examination questions in French or in English.

Program Requirements

An accelerated route leading from the MA program into the PhD program is available (see PhD Program).

Master's with Thesis

The MA program with thesis consists of 4 (one-term) courses, an approved thesis project, and a thesis, including defence.

Compulsory Courses:

12 elective course units in philosophy (PHI) at the graduate level

Second Language Proficiency Requirement

Thesis Project:

PHI 6999 Directed Research (MA)

Thesis:

THM 7999 Master's Thesis

Note(s)

1. MA 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.)

Master's with Coursework

The MA program without thesis consists of 8 (one-term) courses.

Compulsory Courses:

24 elective course units in philosophy (PHI) at the graduate level

Second Language Proficiency Requirement

Note(s)

1. In exceptional cases, students may take one course in another department.

2. MA 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.)

Duration of Program

Students are expected to fulfill all requirements within two years. The maximum time permitted is four years from the date of initial enrollment in the program.

Minimum Standards

The passing grade in all courses is C+. Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units) must withdraw from the program.

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 Canadas' 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.

**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**

For a detailed description of the seminars available in any year, please consult the department webpage (http://arts.uottawa.ca/philosophy/graduate/description-of-graduate-courses). Information is normally available early in the winter for the next academic year.

- PHI 5319 Aesthetics I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5331 Ancient Philosophy I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5332 Medieval Philosophy I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5333 Modern Philosophy I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5334 Anglo-American Philosophy I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5335 French Philosophy I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5336 German Philosophy I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5341 Logic and Philosophy of Science I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5342 Epistemology I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5343 Metaphysics I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5344 Philosophical Anthropology I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5345 Ethics I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5346 Social and Political Philosophy I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5347 Philosophy of Religion I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5348 Philosophy of History I (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5349 Ancient Philosophy II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5350 Ancient Philosophy III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5351 Medieval Philosophy II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5352 Medieval Philosophy III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5353 Modern Philosophy II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5354 Modern Philosophy III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5355 Anglo American Philosophy II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5356 Anglo American Philosophy III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5357 French Philosophy II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5358 French Philosophy III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5359 German Philosophy II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5360 German Philosophy III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5361 Logic and Philosophy of Science II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5362 Logic and Philosophy of Science III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5363 Epistemology II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Lecture
- PHI 5364 Epistemology III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5365 Metaphysics II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5366 Metaphysics III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5367 Philosophical Anthropology II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5368 Philosophical Anthropology III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5369 Ethics II (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
- PHI 5370 Ethics III (3 units)  
  Course Component: Seminar
PHI 5371 Social and Political Philosophy II (3 units)  
Course Component: Seminar  
PHI 5372 Social and Political Philosophy III (3 units)  
Course Component: Seminar  
PHI 5373 Philosophy of Religion II (3 units)  
Course Component: Seminar  
PHI 5374 Philosophy of Religion III (3 units)  
Course Component: Seminar  
PHI 5375 Philosophy of History II (3 units)  
Course Component: Seminar  
PHI 5376 Philosophy of History III (3 units)  
Course Component: Seminar  
PHI 5377 Aesthetics II (3 units)  
Course Component: Seminar  
PHI 5378 Aesthetics III (3 units)  
Course Component: Seminar  
PHI 5379 Philosophie ancienne I (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5380 Philosophie ancienne II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5381 Philosophie ancienne III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5382 Philosophie médiévale I (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5383 Philosophie médiévale II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5384 Philosophie médiévale III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5385 Philosophie moderne I (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5386 Philosophie moderne II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5387 Philosophie moderne III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5388 Philosophie anglo-américaine I (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5389 Philosophie anglo-américaine II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5390 Philosophie anglo-américaine III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5391 Philosophie française I (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5392 Philosophie française II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5393 Philosophie française III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5394 Philosophie allemande I (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5395 Philosophie allemande II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5396 Philosophie allemande III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5560 Logique et philosophie du langage II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5561 Logique et philosophie du langage III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5562 Épistémologie et philosophie des sciences II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5563 Épistémologie et philosophie des sciences III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5564 Épistémologie et philosophie des sciences IV (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5565 Métaphysique II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5566 Métaphysique III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5567 Anthropologie philosophique II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5568 Anthropologie philosophique III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5569 Philosophie morale II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5570 Philosophie morale III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5571 Philosophie sociale et politique II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5572 Philosophie sociale et politique III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5573 Philosophie de la religion I (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5574 Philosophie de la religion II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5575 Philosophie de la religion III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5576 Philosophie de l'histoire I (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5577 Philosophie de l'histoire II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5578 Philosophie de l'histoire III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5579 Philosophie de l'art I (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5580 Philosophie de l'art II (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  
PHI 5581 Philosophie de l'art III (3 crédits)  
Volet : Séminaire  

PHI 6101 Selected Problems I (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

PHI 6102 Selected Problems II (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

PHI 6103 Selected Problems III (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

PHI 6501 Thèmes et problèmes de philosophie I (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

PHI 6502 Thèmes et problèmes de philosophie II (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

PHI 6503 Thèmes et problèmes de philosophie III (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

PHI 6904 Étude dirigée / Directed Study (3 crédits / 3 units)
Travail à préparer sous la direction d'un membre du corps professoral du département. Préalable : permission du comité des études supérieures. / Paper to be prepared under the direction of a professor in the department.
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
Prerequisite: Paper to be prepared under the direction of a professor in the department. Permission of the Department is required.

PHI 6995 Mémoire et recherche (MA) / Major Research Paper (MA)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

PHI 6996 Mémoire et recherche (MA) / Major Research Paper (MA)
Volet / Course Component: Cours magistral / Lecture

PHI 6997 Mémoire et recherche (MA) / Major Research Paper (MA)
Volet / Course Component: Cours magistral / Lecture

PHI 6999 Recherche dirigée (MA) / Directed Research (MA)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

PHI 8995 Mémoire de recherche (PhD) / Major Research Paper (PhD)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

PHI 8998 Examen de candidature / Candidacy Examination (PhD)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

PHI 8999 Recherche dirigée (PhD) / Directed Research (PhD)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research