Philosophy

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- M.A. Philosophy
- M.A. Philosophy with Specialization in Digital Humanities

Program Requirements

M.A. Philosophy (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - PHIL 5850 [0.5] Proseminar
   - PHIL 5900 [0.5] Research Seminar

2. 2.0 credits in:
   - PHIL 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis (must be defended at an oral examination)

3. 2.0 credits in courses, subject to the following limitations:
   - They may include one, but not both of the following:
     - PHIL 5700 [0.5] Fall Colloquium
     - PHIL 5750 [0.5] Winter Colloquium
   - They may include up to 1.0 credit from:
     - PHIL 5000 [0.5] Special Topic in Philosophy
     - PHIL 5200 [0.5] Topics in Philosophy of Mind or Philosophy of Language
     - PHIL 5250 [0.5] Topics in Logic, Epistemology, Metaphysics or Philosophy of Science
     - PHIL 5300 [0.5] Topics in Value Theory
     - PHIL 5350 [0.5] Topics in Ethics or Political Philosophy
     - PHIL 5500 [0.5] Topics in Contemporary Philosophy
     - PHIL 5600 [0.5] Topics in the History of Philosophy
     - PHIL 5650 [0.5] Semantics
     - PHIL 5660 [0.5] Lexical Semantics
     - PHIL 5700 [0.5] Fall Colloquium
     - PHIL 5750 [0.5] Winter Colloquium
     - PHIL 5850 [0.5] Proseminar
     - PHIL 5900 [0.5] Research Seminar
     - PHIL 5908 [1.0] Research Essay
     - DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities
   - They must include at least 0.5 credit in two of the following areas of study:
     - History of Philosophy
     - Philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, logic, epistemology, or metaphysics
     - Moral, social, or political philosophy

Total Credits 5.0

M.A. Philosophy with Specialization in Digital Humanities (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - PHIL 5850 [0.5] Proseminar
   - PHIL 5900 [0.5] Research Seminar

2. 2.0 credits in:
   - PHIL 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis

3. 1.0 credits in courses, subject to the following limitations:
   - They may include up to 0.5 credit from PHIL 5000, PHIL 5200, PHIL 5250, PHIL 5300, PHIL 5350, PHIL 5500, PHIL 5600, PHIL 5650, PHIL 5660, or, with permission of the department, other approved courses at the graduate or 4000-level at Carleton or other universities
   - They may include up to 0.5 credit in tutorials, or, with permission of the department, approved graduate-only courses at the graduate level in other departments or at other universities
   - They must include at least 0.5 credit in two of the following areas of study:
     - History of Philosophy
     - Philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, logic, epistemology, or metaphysics
     - Moral, social, or political philosophy

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research Essay pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:
   - PHIL 5850 [0.5] Proseminar
   - PHIL 5900 [0.5] Research Seminar

2. 1.0 credit in:
   - PHIL 5908 [1.0] Research Essay

3. 1.0 credit from:
   - DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities
Philosophy

5.  0.5 credit in DIGH (DIGH 5011, DIGH 5012, or annually listed DIGH course)  
6.  0.0 credit in: 
   DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research Essay pathway (5.0 credits)
1.  1.0 credit in: 
   PHIL 5850 [0.5] Proseminar 
   PHIL 5900 [0.5] Research Seminar

2.  1.0 credit in: 
   PHIL 5908 [1.0] Research Essay

3.  1.0 credit from: 
   PHIL 5700 [0.5] Fall Colloquium 
   PHIL 5750 [0.5] Winter Colloquium 
   Or, with permission of the department, approved graduate-level courses in other departments or at other universities

4.  1.0 credit from: 
   PHIL 5000 [0.5] Special Topic in Philosophy 
   PHIL 5200 [0.5] Topics in Philosophy of Mind or Philosophy of Language 
   PHIL 5250 [0.5] Topics in Logic, Epistemology, Metaphysics or Philosophy of Science 
   PHIL 5300 [0.5] Topics in Value Theory 
   PHIL 5350 [0.5] Topics in Ethics or Political Philosophy 
   PHIL 5500 [0.5] Topics in Contemporary Philosophy 
   PHIL 5600 [0.5] Topics in the History of Philosophy 
   PHIL 5650 [0.5] Semantics 
   PHIL 5660 [0.5] Lexical Semantics 
   Or, with permission of the department, approved courses at graduate or 4000-level at Carleton or other universities

5.  0.5 credit in DIGH 5000

6.  0.5 credit in DIGH (DIGH 5011, DIGH 5012, or annually listed DIGH course)

7.  0.0 credit in: 
   DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development

Total Credits 5.0

Course Selection

Special Topics
PHIL 5000 [0.5] Special Topic in Philosophy

Tutorials
PHIL 5004 [0.5] Tutorial in the History of Philosophy I 
PHIL 5005 [0.5] Tutorial in the History of Philosophy II 
PHIL 5104 [0.5] Tutorial in the Work of an Individual Philosopher I 
PHIL 5105 [0.5] Tutorial in the Work of an Individual Philosopher II 
PHIL 5204 [0.5] Tutorial in Logic, Epistemology, or Metaphysics I 
PHIL 5205 [0.5] Tutorial in Logic, Epistemology, or Metaphysics II

PHIL 5304 [0.5] Tutorial in Selected Problems of Philosophy I 
PHIL 5305 [0.5] Tutorial in Selected Problems of Philosophy II

Colloquia
PHIL 5700 [0.5] Fall Colloquium 
PHIL 5750 [0.5] Winter Colloquium

Seminars
PHIL 5200 [0.5] Topics in Philosophy of Mind or Philosophy of Language 
PHIL 5250 [0.5] Topics in Logic, Epistemology, Metaphysics or Philosophy of Science 
PHIL 5300 [0.5] Topics in Value Theory 
PHIL 5350 [0.5] Topics in Ethics or Political Philosophy 
PHIL 5500 [0.5] Topics in Contemporary Philosophy 
PHIL 5600 [0.5] Topics in the History of Philosophy 
PHIL 5650 [0.5] Semantics 
PHIL 5660 [0.5] Lexical Semantics 
PHIL 5850 [0.5] Proseminar 
PHIL 5900 [0.5] Research Seminar 
PHIL 5908 [1.0] Research Essay 
PHIL 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis

Regulations
See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Guidelines for Completion of Master's Degree

Full-time students enrolled in the 5.0-credit M.A. program are expected to complete PHIL 5850, PHIL 5900 and 2.0 further credits by the end of the second term of study.

The thesis or research essay approval form should be submitted by the end of the fourth week of the third term of study. All full-time students are expected to submit the thesis or research essay by the end of the fourth term of study.

Part-time students enrolled in the 5.0 credit M.A. program are expected to complete PHIL 5850, PHIL 5900 and 2.0 further credits by the end of the third year of study.

The thesis or research essay approval form should be submitted by the end of the second month of the fourth year of study. All part-time students are expected to submit the thesis or research essay by the end of the fifth year of study.

Admission

The minimum requirement for admission to the master's program is a B.A. Honours degree (or the equivalent) in Philosophy, with at least B+ standing (or the equivalent).

Students who have not successfully completed an introductory logic course in philosophy (equivalent to Carleton's PHIL 2001) at the time of their application will be required to complete PHIL 2001 (or an equivalent) successfully prior to registration or as part of their first year of study. If required, completion of a logic course is extra to the degree requirements.

Qualifying-year and M.A. applicants from an institution other than Carleton University must submit two papers.
Qualifying Year
Applicants who do not hold an Honours degree (or the equivalent) will be required to register in a qualifying-year program before proceeding to the master's program. Regulations governing the qualifying year are outlined in the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Philosophy (PHIL) Courses

PHIL 5000 [0.5 credit]
Special Topic in Philosophy
A detailed study of a special topic in philosophy. Topics may vary from year to year.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PHIL 4100, for which additional credit is precluded.

PHIL 5004 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial in the History of Philosophy I
Detailed study of a period or issue in the history of philosophy.

PHIL 5005 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial in the History of Philosophy II
Detailed study of a period or issue in the history of philosophy.

PHIL 5104 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial in the Work of an Individual Philosopher I
A critical and systematic study of the work of an individual philosopher.

PHIL 5105 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial in the Work of an Individual Philosopher II
A critical and systematic study of the work of an individual philosopher.

PHIL 5200 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Philosophy of Mind or Philosophy of Language
A detailed study of an issue or the work of selected philosophers in the general area of philosophy of mind and/or philosophy of language. Topics may vary from year to year.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PHIL 4210 or PHIL 4220, for which additional credit is precluded.

PHIL 5204 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial in Logic, Epistemology, or Metaphysics I
An attempt to find a solution to a specific problem in logic, epistemology, or metaphysics.

PHIL 5205 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial in Logic, Epistemology, or Metaphysics II
An attempt to find a solution to a specific problem in logic, epistemology, or metaphysics.

PHIL 5250 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Logic, Epistemology, Metaphysics or Philosophy of Science
A detailed study of an issue or the work of selected philosophers in the general areas of logic, epistemology, metaphysics or philosophy of science. Topics may vary from year to year.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PHIL 4230, for which additional credit is precluded.

PHIL 5300 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Value Theory
A detailed study of an issue or the work of selected philosophers in the general area of value theory. Topics may vary from year to year.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PHIL 4300, for which additional credit is precluded.

PHIL 5304 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial in Selected Problems of Philosophy I
An attempt to find a solution to a specific problem in some area other than logic, epistemology, or metaphysics.

PHIL 5305 [0.5 credit]
Tutorial in Selected Problems of Philosophy II
An attempt to find a solution to a specific problem in some area other than logic, epistemology, or metaphysics.

PHIL 5350 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Ethics or Political Philosophy
A detailed study of an issue or the work of selected philosophers in the general areas of ethics or political philosophy. Topics may vary from year to year.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PHIL 4320 or PHIL 4330, for which additional credit is precluded.

PHIL 5500 [0.5 credit]
Topics in Contemporary Philosophy
A detailed study of an issue or the work of selected philosophers in contemporary philosophy. Topics may vary from year to year.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PHIL 4007 or PHIL 4008, for which additional credit is precluded.

PHIL 5600 [0.5 credit]
Topics in the History of Philosophy
A detailed study within the history of philosophy: a period, an issue or the work of selected philosophers. Topics may vary from year to year.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PHIL 4003, PHIL 4004, PHIL 4005, or PHIL 4006, for which additional credit is precluded.
PHIL 5650 [0.5 credit]
Semantics
A graduate seminar in contemporary semantics.
Also listed as LING 5505.

PHIL 5660 [0.5 credit]
Lexical Semantics
Study of the meaning of words. Topics may include lexical
decomposition, meaning variation, lexical relations, and
lexical aspect.
Also listed as LING 5510.
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different
requirements, as LING 4510 and PHIL 4055, for which
additional credit is precluded.

PHIL 5700 [0.5 credit]
Fall Colloquium
Students prepare for and attend the departmental
colloquium series (typically including 10 to 12 sessions
in one term), submitting in writing a critical analysis of
some aspect of the presentation or discussion for each
colloquium they attend.

PHIL 5750 [0.5 credit]
Winter Colloquium
Students prepare for and attend the departmental
colloquium series (typically including 10 to 12 events
in one term), submitting in writing a critical analysis of
some aspect of the presentation or discussion for each
colloquium they attend.

PHIL 5850 [0.5 credit]
Proseminar
Students in this seminar will engage with contemporary
philosophical research by exploring relations and
interactions between two broad fields: philosophy of mind,
language, and knowledge; and moral, social, and political
philosophy. Specific topics will vary from year to year.

PHIL 5900 [0.5 credit]
Research Seminar
Students select a contemporary philosophical position or
historical interpretation and the surrounding debate in the
philosophical or scholarly literature upon which to base a
thesis proposal using literature review and an essay.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

PHIL 5908 [1.0 credit]
Research Essay
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

PHIL 5909 [2.0 credits]
M.A. Thesis
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this
Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and
scheduling for summer session courses will differ
significantly from those reported in the fall/winter
Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for
summer session classes, consult the class schedule at
central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an
up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current
session and to determine the term of offering, consult the
class schedule at central.carleton.ca