

# Philosophy

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

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

## Program Requirements

### M.A. Philosophy (5.0 credits)

#### Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)

**1. 1.0 credit in:** 1.0

PHIL 5850 [0.5] Proseminar

PHIL 5900 [0.5] Research Seminar

**2. 2.0 credits in:** 2.0

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:** 2.0

They may include one, but not both of the following:

PHIL 5701 [0.5] Fall Colloquium

or

PHIL 5751 [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

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 1.0 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:** 1.0

PHIL 5850 [0.5] Proseminar

PHIL 5900 [0.5] Research Seminar

**2. 1.0 credit in:** 1.0

PHIL 5908 [1.0] Research Essay

**3. 1.0 credit from:** 1.0

PHIL 5701 [0.5] Fall Colloquium

PHIL 5751 [0.5] Winter Colloquium

or, with the permission of the department, approved graduate-level courses in other departments or at other universities

**4. Up to 1.0 credit from:** 1.0

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. Up to 1.0 credit in tutorials, or, with permission of the department, approved graduate-level courses in other departments or at other universities** 1.0

Courses chosen must include at least 0.5 credit in two of the following areas of study:

History and philosophy

Philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, logic, epistemology, or metaphysics

Moral, social, or political philosophy

**Total Credits** 5.0

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

#### Requirements - Thesis pathway (5.0 credits)

**1. 1.0 credit in:** 1.0

PHIL 5850 [0.5] Proseminar

PHIL 5900 [0.5] Research Seminar

**2. 2.0 credits in:** 2.0

PHIL 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis (in the specialization)

**3. 1.0 credits in courses, subject to the following limitations:** 1.0

- They may include PHIL 5701 or PHIL 5751 but not both

- 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

**4. 0.5 credit in:** 0.5

DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities

**5. 0.5 credit in DIGH** (DIGH 5011, DIGH 5012, or annually listed DIGH course) 0.5

**6. 0.0 credit in:** 0.0  
 DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development

**Total Credits** 5.0

**Requirements - Research essay pathway (5.0 credits)**

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

**2. 1.0 credit in:** 1.0  
 PHIL 5908 [1.0] Research Essay (in the specialization)

**3. 1.0 credit from:** 1.0  
 PHIL 5701 [0.5] Fall Colloquium  
 PHIL 5751 [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:** 1.0  
 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** 0.5

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

**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 5701 [0.5] Fall Colloquium

PHIL 5751 [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 5701 [0.5 credit]****Fall Colloquium**

Students attend each talk in the departmental colloquium series, preparing by doing mandatory background readings, and submit in writing a critical analysis of some aspect of the presentation.

Precludes additional credit for PHIL 5700 (no longer offered).

**PHIL 5751 [0.5 credit]****Winter Colloquium**

Students attend each talk in the departmental colloquium series, preparing by doing mandatory background readings, and submit in writing a critical analysis of some aspect of the presentation.

Precludes additional credit for PHIL 5750 (no longer offered).

**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