

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The following presents chronologically, and adds specificity to, the official statement of degree requirements, which is available here:

<https://grad.ucla.edu/programs/humanities/philosophy/>.

OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTORATE

Required Philosophy course work

A Ph.D. candidate must complete, with a grade of B or better, fourteen upper-division and graduate courses in philosophy (56 units), excluding independent study courses, distributed as detailed below. Courses taken before entering the graduate program do not count toward satisfaction of course requirements.

First Year Seminar (Philosophy 200A and Philosophy 200B)

These are taken in the first year.

Second Year Writing Seminar (Philosophy 298)

This course is taken in spring of the second year. Successful completion of the Second Year Paper is a requirement of passing this seminar.

Logic

Students must complete Philosophy 132 with a grade of B or better. This requirement should be completed in the first year. If the graduate adviser determines that the student has in past coursework already taken a course that covers essentially the same material as Philosophy 132, either at UCLA or at any other academic institution, then any other philosophy department upper-division or graduate course (logic or otherwise) may be substituted for this requirement.

Formal methods

Students must complete, with a grade of B or higher, a designated course on formal methods. This can be one upper-division (or higher) course in advanced logic (e.g. Philosophy 135, 136), or similar technical subject including probability and inductive logic (Philosophy C133B). This course is normally to be taken in the Philosophy department but may be taken elsewhere at the discretion of the Graduate Advisor(s).

History of Philosophy

Students must complete two graduate courses in the history of philosophy (prior to the twentieth century), at least one of which must be a graduate seminar (Philosophy 201-220). Neither Philosophy 100A, B, nor C will

satisfy this requirement.

Ethics and Value Theory

Students must complete two graduate courses in ethics or value theory, at least one of which must be a graduate seminar (Philosophy 240-259). Neither Philosophy 200A nor Philosophy 200B will satisfy this requirement.

Metaphysics and Epistemology

Students must complete two graduate courses in metaphysics and epistemology, at least one of which must be a graduate seminar (Philosophy 270-289, 232, 234, 235 and often, by petition, other philosophy of science courses). Neither Philosophy 200A nor Philosophy 200B will satisfy this requirement.

Electives

Students must complete as many additional courses as needed to fulfill the requirement of 14 total upper-division or graduate philosophy courses (56 units), not including independent study courses. Neither Philosophy 100A, B, nor C will count towards fulfillment of this requirement.

Please consult the graduate advisor if you have any questions about which classes count for which distribution requirements.

Law and Philosophy

Students who are interested in the Law and Philosophy specialization or in the concurrent degree program (below) should consult with and apply through the Director of the Law and Philosophy program. In order to specialize in Law and Philosophy, students must complete four law courses (of at least two semester units each) with a grade of B or better in each qualifying courses. Students should consult with the Director for a list of approved courses. Students must also complete a substantial research paper on a topic in law and philosophy. This substantial research paper is to be completed in the third year of the program.

Philosophy, Ph.D./Law, J.D.

For this concurrent degree program, three law courses from an approved list may be double- counted toward the elective course requirements for the Ph.D. degree. Students should consult with the program director regarding course selection. Students must also complete a substantial research paper on a topic in law and philosophy. This substantial research paper is to be completed in the third year of the program.