

Master's in Philosophy (course-based)

The Philosophy MA provides exciting opportunities to pursue postgraduate studies in philosophy for students with a degree in philosophy who wish to continue their work in a more focused and advanced way, as well as for students with a degree in another field who wish to add a concentration in philosophy. Students in this program will develop an understanding of a wide variety of philosophical subfields. The flexible course of study can be tailored to a student's interests and background. The course-based option is intended for students who do not wish to continue in academia.

CORE (2 COURSES)

- Core Seminar I & II are required in year 1 for all students with no exceptions.

FORMAL METHODS (2 COURSES)

- 2 Formal Methods Minis (FMM)
 - Tools & Techniques should only be taken by those who need an extra “bridge” into formal/technical material.
 - One FMM must be Classical Logic unless another course in the Logic category is taken to satisfy a requirement below.
 - All FMMs must be completed within the first 3 semesters.
- 1 “formal methods” full course (starred* in the course list)

BREADTH (4 COURSES)

- 4 courses total, one from each of:
 - Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Math, and Epistemology
 - Language, Linguistics, and Mind
 - Value Theory
 - History

INTERDISCIPLINARY (1 COURSE)

- 1 course outside of Philosophy, e.g.:
 - from another department at CMU
 - from a non-Philosophy (and non-HPS) department at Pitt
 - one or more internships, subject to advisor and DGS approval

ELECTIVE (3 COURSES)

- Any 3 courses from our department.
- Optionally, one of these may instead be a second Interdisciplinary course.

Notes

- This is 12 courses in total. No course may be used to satisfy more than one requirement.
- No more than 2 directed readings may be used to satisfy non-elective requirements.
- At least 1 course must be a seminar (see course list): an advanced, discussion-based course that engage with professional philosophy and include a significant writing component.
- Students who secure permission to enter the thesis-based track must produce a MASTER'S THESIS; in this case coursework requirements are reduced by 1 Breadth and 1 Elective.