

# PhD in Philosophy

The Philosophy PhD is primarily intended for students interested in a continuing career in academic analytic philosophy. The program's flexible requirements provide broad curricular grounding in both traditional and formal philosophy, interdisciplinary exposure, steady involvement in research, and the opportunity to practice the craft of teaching in a top-notch undergraduate environment.

## CORE (2 COURSES)

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

## FORMAL METHODS (2.5 COURSES)

- 3 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, broadly construed (starred\* in the course list)

## BREADTH (5 COURSES)

- 5 courses total, with at least 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.

## MASTER’S THESIS

## PROSPECTUS + PHD THESIS

### Notes

- This is 13.5 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 2 courses must be seminars (see course list): advanced, discussion-based courses that engage with professional philosophy and include a significant writing component.