REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PHD PROGRAM IN PHILOSOPHY

1. COURSEWORK: 48 hours of graduate level coursework.
   - Up to 12 hours may be from outside philosophy
   - Up to 9 hours may be independent study
   - Up to 9 hours of 5000 level coursework
   - Students may transfer in up to 18 hours of approved graduate credits.

   Coursework must include 7 required courses: 5 courses in history and 2 in systematic problems:
   1. One course in Ancient including either Plato or Aristotle
   2. One course in Medieval including either Augustine or Aquinas
   3. One course in Modern, including Descartes or Hume or Kant or Hegel
   4. Two additional courses in History approved by the DGS
   5. One course in Epistemology or Metaphysics or Philosophy of Science approved by the DGS
   6. One course in Ethics or Social/Political Philosophy or Aesthetics approved by the DGS

2. DISSERTATION CREDITS: 12 hours of dissertation credits.

3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Prior to being advanced to candidacy (ABD), students must demonstrate competence in two foreign languages. This requirement may be met by passing an appropriate foreign language course, a Graduate Reading Proficiency Exam given by the Department of FLL, or approved work transferred from another institution.

4. LOGIC REQUIREMENT: Prior to being advanced to candidacy, students must demonstrate competence in symbolic logic, either through graduate coursework, acceptable undergraduate courses, or a departmental exam.

5. QUALIFYING PAPER:
   All students must submit one qualifying paper. Generally, these papers will be a minimum of 5000 words.
   Submission Deadlines
   The paper and its oral defense must be attempted by the end of the semester following the semester in which coursework is completed.
   The paper cannot previously have been accepted for publication at the time it is submitted as the qualifying paper.
   The paper must be submitted by October 15th in the Fall semester, or March 15th of the Spring semester.
Assessment
The papers will be assessed by a committee of three faculty members.
The paper review committee will be constituted by the DGS in consultation with the
Department Chair when the paper is submitted for review.
Each reader will grade the paper under blind review conditions.
Grading Rubric for Ph.D. Qualifying Paper
Each Faculty Member will Grade the Paper:

3: The paper is worthy of submission to a journal and so fulfills the
requirements for the PhD program.
Criteria:
The paper makes a contribution to existing literature AND
The paper engages current literature in the field as appropriate AND
The paper is clearly written and effectively organized AND
The paper is reasonably argued.

2: The paper does not fulfill the requirement for the PhD.
Criteria:
First submission: The paper has promise, but fails to fulfill one or more of the
above criteria.
Second submission: The paper has promise, but fails to fulfill one or more of
the above criteria, and/or (if the submission is a revision of the original paper)
fails to respond to weaknesses as indicated by faculty comments on first
submission.

1: The paper has serious deficiencies.
Criteria:
The paper makes a weak or trivial contribution to literature. OR
The paper fails to engage relevant literature as appropriate. OR
The paper is superficial or confused in its presentation. OR
The paper has a lack of argument or errors or gaps in the argument. OR
(If the submission is a revision of the original paper and the original grade
was a 1) The paper fails to respond to weaknesses as indicated by
faculty comments on first submission.

Members of the committee shall each return to the Graduate Director a grade of 3, 2, or 1,
with explanatory comments suitable for transmission to the student.
On request, the student shall receive a summary of the comments from the DGS.
Outcome of Grading:
3 - Two or more faculty members gave the paper a grade of 3. Student may defend the paper to advance to candidacy.
2 - Two or more faculty members gave the paper a grade of 2 OR one gave it a two and one gave it a three. The student may rework and resubmit the paper (if this was the first submission) or receive a terminal MA (if this was the first or second submission and the student has completed all other requirements to be advanced to candidacy) OR the student may enter either MA program and complete the additional program requirements for a terminal MA OR the student may leave the program.
1 - Two or more faculty members gave the paper a grade of 1. The paper does not fulfill the requirements for the PhD and is not well enough crafted to merit the award of a terminal MA. Student may enter either MA program and complete the additional program requirements for a terminal MA or leave the program.

If the paper receives a committee grade of 1 or 2, the student will be allowed to revise and resubmit the paper the following semester. If the paper requires resubmission, the same committee (if possible) will receive the resubmitted paper for review. The student may also choose to submit a new paper but this paper will be subject to the same deadline as a resubmission. NOTE: If the student submits a new paper, the submission will still be considered a second submission (no further rewriting will be allowed).

Oral Defense
If the paper receives a committee grade of 3, then the student will publicly defend the paper orally no later than finals weeks of the semester the paper was submitted. The oral defense will be a Pass/Fail defense of the paper involving the three faculty members who graded the paper and two other faculty members to be chosen by the DGS in consultation with the student. The DGS shall appoint a chair from among the members of the examining committee. The Defense shall be no more than 90 minutes. There shall be one round of questions with the possibility of a second round. The discussion will then be opened to the floor. Three of the five members of the faculty board must award a Pass for the overall grade to be considered a Pass.

If students fail to adequately defend the paper they may be permitted one oral re-defense of the paper at a time designated by the DGS, no later than during the semester following the initial defense.

Completion of Requirement
Students will be considered to have passed the requirement for the PhD program after successful oral defense of the qualifying paper. Students who do not successfully defend their papers will not be allowed to continue in the PhD program. The student may receive a terminal MA (if the student has completed all other requirements to be advanced to candidacy) OR the student may enter either MA program and complete the additional program requirements for a terminal MA.

6. DISSERTATION PROPOSAL: The committee will comprise 4 faculty members. The candidate’s proposal must be defended by the end of the final week of classes of the first semester of the graduate student’s candidacy.
7. DISSERTATION: The candidate must complete and successfully publicly defend a dissertation.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS:

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CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTABLE PROGRESS FOR FUNDED STUDENTS:

Funded PhD students must maintain a GPA of 3.5 to remain in good standing. Funded PhD students must maintain full-time status and complete the foreign language requirement and logic requirement within the first 6 semesters for students entering without prior credits; first 5 semesters for students entering with 9 prior credits, OR first 4 semesters for students entering with 18 prior credits to remain in good standing.

Timeline of Acceptable Progress for Funded Students

Funded entry into PhD Program with no prior credits

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Post Semester 8, Dissertation

Funded entry into PhD Program with 9 prior credits

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Post Semester 7, Dissertation

Funded entry into PhD Program with 18 prior credits

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR TA OR LECTURSHIP POSITIONS:**
To be eligible for TA or Lectureship positions, students must complete the Teaching Seminar, 1 semester of shadow teaching, have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in their philosophy classes, and maintain acceptable teaching scores.