

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CHECKLIST OF SIGNIFICANT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE Ph.D. IN PHILOSOPHY

STUDENTS ENTERING WITHOUT M.A. IN PHILOSOPHY

N.B.: The official University of Kentucky Graduate Studies in Philosophy Regulations are controlling; any conflict between this sheet and the regulations will be adjudicated in light of the regulations.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE M.A. DEGREE

General Course Work Credits (III.B)*:

- 36 credit hours of graduate-level coursework, of which
 - at least 24 credit hours must be in regularly scheduled graduate courses (excluding independent studies);
 - at least 24 credit hours must be in Department of Philosophy graduate courses;
 - at least 18 credit hours must be in regularly scheduled Department of Philosophy graduate seminars at, or above, the 600 level.

Contemporary Course Distribution (II.F; III.E):

- 9 credit hours of courses that satisfy the Contemporary Course Requirement, of which
 - 3 credit hours must be in contemporary Metaphysics and Epistemology;
 - 3 credit hours must be in contemporary Value Theory.

Logic Requirement (II.E; III.D):

- Completion of the Logic Requirement in one of three ways:
 - i. completion of PHI 520 with a grade of "C" or better;
 - ii. passing, with a grade of "C" or better, the departmental examination in logic; or
 - iii. providing evidence of completion of a course in logic comparable to PHI 520 at another institution.

Language Requirement (II.D; III.C):

- Completion of the Language Requirement in one of five ways:
 - i. completing one of the accelerated graduate level language courses with a grade of "B" or better;
 - ii. completing the Educational Testing Service examination with a minimum score of 450;
 - iii. completing four semesters (or equivalent) of the language with a GPA of 3.0 or better as an undergraduate;
 - iv. completing Special Examinations given for graduate reading courses with a grade of B or better; or
 - v. transferring a language taken to satisfy the requirements for a M.A. degree at another university.

Comprehensive and Final Exams (I.C; I.G; III.F):

- Completion of one of the following:
 - passing grade on at least one Comprehensive Exam; or
 - a M.A. Thesis.†

Grade Point Average (I.C; III.B.3):

* Relevant sections of the Graduate Studies in Philosophy Regulations indicated in parentheses throughout checklist.

† Only in *exceptional circumstances* will a student be eligible to petition to substitute a M.A. Thesis for a Comprehensive Exam. See III.F of the Graduate Studies in Philosophy Regulations.

- A grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale on all graduate coursework. Beginning in the third semester, a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a 4.0 scale on all Philosophy graduate coursework.

POST-M.A. REQUIREMENTS:

General Credits (I.C; II.G):

- Completion with a passing grade of PHI 740: Proseminar in Teaching Methods[‡];
- Completion of at least two semesters of PHI 767: Dissertation Residency (2 credits per semester), at least once in the Fall or Spring; and
- 12 credit hours of regularly scheduled graduate courses (excluding independent studies), of which
 - at least 9 credit hours must be in regularly scheduled Department of Philosophy graduate seminars.

Grade Point Average (II.G):

- A grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale for all graduate coursework. A grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a 4.0 scale for all Philosophy graduate coursework.

Comprehensive Exams (I.C; I.G; II.C):

- A passing grade on both Comprehensive Exams.[§]

Area Proposal:**

- Written version submitted;
- Orally defended.

Qualifying Exam (II.H):

- Written version submitted;
- Orally defended.

Dissertation Proposal (II.I):

- Written version submitted;
- Orally defended.

Dissertation (II.J; II.K;)

- Written version submitted;
- Orally defended;
- Required revisions, if any, submitted and accepted by Committee.

[‡] Students are **strongly encouraged** to take PHI 740 in their first year.

[§] Satisfaction of this requirement renders student eligible to undertake preparation for Qualifying Exam.

** **This is not a requirement** as outlined in the Graduate Studies in Philosophy Regulations but it is normally a requirement set out by the student's Area Committee. The student submits an area proposal after post-M.A. credits requirement is satisfied but prior to sitting for the Qualifying Exam.