Master of Arts (Plan I – Thesis & Plan II – Comprehensive Exam)/
Doctor of Philosophy - PHILOSOPHY
2021-22

In addition to departmental requirements, candidates for graduate degrees must fulfill University requirements
described in the “Graduate Education” section of the UCSB General Catalog.

The graduate program in Philosophy is a Ph.D. program. Only in special circumstances will the department accept students whose aim is limited to earning the M.A. degree.

A total of **56.0 units** are required for the M.A. Students in the M.A./Ph.D. program must first complete the requirements for the M.A. before continuing toward the doctorate. The time-to-degree for the M.A. is four years. The time-to-degree for the Ph.D. is three years and one quarter to advance to candidacy, and six years to complete the Ph.D. **The following courses must be completed for a letter grade of ‘B’ or better.**

### CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (56.0 units total)

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**284G (Intermediate Modern Logic) or Successfully passing the logic examination demonstrating logic comprehension.**


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**FIVE ADDITIONAL GRADUATE ELECTIVE COURSES TAKEN**

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The course requirements are designed to assure breadth in training. Fourteen courses are required, one of which must be intermediate modern logic (Philosophy 284G)*; three must be in the History of Philosophy; three must be in Metaphysics-Epistemology, broadly construed to include philosophy of language and philosophy of mind; and two must be in value theory, broadly conceived to include ethics and social and political philosophy among others. Of the fourteen courses, at least five must be graduate seminars. No more than one Independent Study course (Phil. 596), taken for a letter grade, can be used to satisfy the core course requirements, and the content of such an Independent Study must be substantially different from that of other courses taken to satisfy the core course requirements. NOTE: Two courses are listed under both History and Ethics/Social & Political. These courses may be used to satisfy either requirement; they may not be used to satisfy both. NOTE ALSO: Certain courses may be taken more than once. Approval from the graduate advisor is required.

(*A student may be exempted from taking 284G by passing an examination, given only at the time of entrance into the Ph.D. program, designed to demonstrate training in logic equivalent to that provided by 283G and 284G.)

Students who will not be continuing to the Ph.D. program typically elect the Plan II - Comprehensive Examination option. Students who wish to follow the Plan I – Thesis option must obtain the permission of the department chair and graduate advisor. Please see the Department for further details.

CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT

Thesis Plan I (mm/dd/yy): __________________________

Comprehensive Exam Plan II (mm/dd/yy): __________________________

QUALIFYING PAPER

A student must write a successful qualifying paper of at most 10,000 words by the end of the 1st quarter of the 4th year (or 10th quarter). The paper is to be an original work and should present a philosophical thesis and defend it by argument.

Qualifying paper accepted: __________________________
ORAL EXAMINATION

Upon passing the qualifying paper requirement, an oral examination is required. Advancement to doctoral candidacy is determined by the completion of all previously mentioned requirements and success on this oral examination. This examination will be administered by the Ph.D. committee chosen by the student.

Ph.D. committee: Chair: ________________________________
Member: ________________________________
Member: ________________________________

Qualifying examination passed: ____________________

M.A. DEGREE/C.Phil. REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED: ____________________ Quarter/Year

DEPT GRADUATE ADVISOR SIGNATURE: ________________________________

Print Name

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Residence requirement—minimum 3 quarters (verify departmental requirement)

Required units completed =

Language requirement Satisfied (if required)

No grades of I, NR, or NG

3.0 or better GPA overall

Registered quarter of degree or Filing Fee LOA: ____________________

Master’s Form I / COI and committee entered

Master’s Thesis date received (signature page/e-filed and entered in SReg): ____________________

Master’s Thesis Submission Fee: ____________________

ProQuest ID ____________________ Permission Ltrs uploaded?

Master’s Degree Awarded (mm/dd/yy)

DISSERTATION REQUIREMENT

Upon advancement to candidacy, the student will normally devote full time to carrying out the research for, and the writing of, the doctoral dissertation. To ensure that students make timely progress on their dissertation, a student must submit to their committee a dissertation proposal (topic and outline of proposed chapters, plus bibliography) or a chapter of the dissertation by no later than the end of the second enrolled quarter after the qualifying paper has been passed.

The complete dissertation must be approved by each member of the student’s Ph.D. committee and conform to the rules and regulations of the Graduate Division. After receipt of a draft of the Ph.D. dissertation, the Ph.D. committee shall discuss it. If deemed necessary, the committee may call the candidate for an oral interview, the purpose of which would be to clarify segments of the dissertation and/or acquaint the candidate with the nature of any further work that needs to be undertaken prior to the approval of the dissertation.

Dissertation accepted and filed: ____________________
Ph.D. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED: ___________________  
Quarter/Year

DEPT GRADUATE ADVISOR SIGNATURE: __________________________

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