

PHILOSOPHY

Learning Outcomes

Master of Arts (M.A.)

1. **KNOW:** Demonstrate breadth and depth of philosophical knowledge suitable for participation in advanced seminars and preparing to write a successful philosophy PhD dissertation;
2. **APPLY/CREATE:** Use philosophical methods to assess historical and current philosophical issues and to comment upon existing fields of philosophical inquiry;
3. **COMMUNICATE:** Formulate written work of suitable rigor, relevance, substance, and clarity for advanced seminars and culminating projects; give oral presentations suitable for seminar participation and reports and milestone high-stakes defenses.
4. **THINK:** Demonstrate analytical, critical, argumentative, and creative thinking within philosophy;
5. **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE:** Develop and deploy philosophical and pedagogical expertise in accordance with the highest standards and best practices of the discipline of philosophy.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

1. **KNOW:** Demonstrate breadth and depth of philosophical knowledge suitable for publishing written work and teaching graduate philosophy courses in at least one area and teaching undergraduate courses in several areas;
2. **APPLY/CREATE:** Use philosophical methods to assess historical and current philosophical issues and to contribute to existing or new fields of philosophical inquiry;
3. **COMMUNICATE:** Formulate written work suitable for submission toward peer-reviewed publication; give oral presentations suitable for conferences, colloquia, and job talks; and lead classrooms that conduce to understanding;
4. **THINK:** Demonstrate analytical, critical, argumentative, and creative thinking within philosophy and, where appropriate, into and from cognate disciplines.
5. **PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE:** Develop and deploy philosophical and pedagogical expertise in accordance with the highest standards and best practices of the discipline of philosophy.