MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF PHILOSOPHY

The master of arts in philosophy is intended to prepare students for admission to doctoral programs in philosophy and related disciplines such as political theory, biomedical ethics, and gender studies; train students to do research from either a contemporary or historical perspective; develop students’ abilities in critical thinking, close reading, publishable writing, and oral communication; and prepare students to teach philosophy.

The curriculum focuses on the following areas:

- Practical philosophy, including ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of law, and the philosophy of action
- Philosophies of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and disability
- Core analytic philosophy, including philosophy of language, epistemology, metaphysics, and philosophy of mind
- Continental philosophy of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries
- The history of philosophy

Visit the program website (https://philosophy.columbian.gwu.edu/ma-philosophy-0/) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext).

30 credits in philosophy coursework at the 6000 level. A thesis option is available at the discretion of the faculty; if this option is approved, the student’s program of study must include 3 credits in PHIL 6998, Thesis Research.

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Remaining coursework is selected in consultation with the advisor.