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; educate students about the state of the art in philosophy and the history of the discipline; develop students’ ability to engage in critical thinking, close reading, persuasive writing, and oral communication; and prepare students to teach philosophy and related subjects at the secondary school or two-year college level.

The curriculum focuses on four main areas:

1. Practical philosophy: applied ethics, ethical theory, political philosophy, philosophy of law, and public policy
2. Philosophies of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and disability
3. Philosophies of mind, cognitive science, and biology
4. Continental philosophy of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries

REQUIREMENTS

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder. (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs)

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).

Program requirements:

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For their remaining coursework, students will work closely with an advisor to design a curriculum that best suits their philosophical interests and career plans. This flexible and individualized graduate program provides students with the unique opportunity to create their own Master’s in Philosophy from our many graduate offerings, including our Philosophy and Social Policy courses.