MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF PHILOSOPHY

The Master of Arts degree in Philosophy develops the critical thinking, close reading, persuasive writing and oral communication skills needed for success in a doctoral program or teaching career. Students that graduate from this degree track often go on to obtain their PhD in Philosophy or a related field, such as political theory, biomedical ethics and gender studies. Others draw upon the broad base of philosophical knowledge to instruct at a secondary or two-year college level. Unlike other Philosophy MA degrees, this program includes a high degree of analytical philosophy curriculum in addition to the more traditional study of historical texts and scholarship.

Students pursuing this two-year terminal Master’s in Philosophy can expect to gain a distinct and in-depth education across a variety of courses. Classes such as “Economic Justice,” “Moral Status,” and “Feminist Ethics and Policy” teach the practical applications of philosophy and schools of thought on contemporary issues, while “Advanced Logic” and “Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence” develop knowledge in the areas of logic and science. Additionally, students study contemporary continental theories and the classics, such as Plato and Socrates.

Located in the heart of Washington D.C., GW has access to a wealth of museums, cultural institutes and other notable resources to enhance the graduate studies experience.

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

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:
- Fall - Program is not accepting applications for 2020-2021.*
- Spring - Program is not accepting applications for 2020-2021.*

Prerequisite: A undergraduate major in Philosophy is recommended but not required.

Standardized test scores: GRE general test (institutional code 5246). Waived for applicants who hold a JD, MD, or PhD.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the program are:
- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 7.0 with no individual score below 6.0; or
- TOEFL: 600 on paper-based or 100 on Internet-based; or
- PTE Academic: 68.

Recommendations: Two (2) recommendations are required.

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.


Writing Sample: An additional writing sample of 10-15 pages is required. It is strongly recommended that writing samples not exceed 15 pages.

International Applicants only: Please review International Applicant Information (https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements/) carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (http://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate/admissions/faqs/) page.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences - Graduate Admissions Office
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 215
Washington DC 20052

Contact for questions: askccas@gwu.edu ~ 202-994-6210 (phone) ~ 202-994-6213 (fax)
8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday

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/#degreeregulationstext).

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.