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Program Status [Active](#)

Academic Level Graduate

Type of proposal Major/Field of Study

Select a reason for this modification

Revising Curriculum of an Existing Certificate or Degree (making a net change of more than 15 credit hours)--(LON)

Are you adding a concentration?

No

Are you adding or modifying a track?

No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?

No

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2026

College/School Code
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code
Department of Philosophy (PHIL)

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
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21. Catalog Editor Final

Approval Path

1. 10/08/25 1:47 pm
Christopher Schulte (cschulte): Rollback to Initiator

Program Code	PHILPH
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2. 10/16/25 12:05 pm
Christopher Schulte
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Approved for ARSC
Dean Initial
3. 10/16/25 12:10 pm
Ed Bengtson
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Approved for GRAD
Dean Initial
4. 01/05/26 8:16 am
Lisa Kulczak
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Curriculum Review
and Program
Assessment
5. 01/05/26 11:22 am
Gina Daugherty
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Registrar Initial
6. 01/05/26 11:58 am
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for Institutional
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7. 01/13/26 1:48 pm
Eric Funkhouser
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Chair
8. 02/02/26 1:12 pm
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for Provost Initial
9. 02/02/26 1:51 pm
Nik Rowan
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10. 02/09/26 3:10 pm
Christopher Schulte
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Dean
11. 02/09/26 3:11 pm
Suzanne Kenner
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for Global Campus
12. 02/09/26 4:58 pm
Jim Gigantino
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for Provost Review
13. 02/19/26 3:28 pm
Phyllis Howell
(pahowell):
Approved for
Graduate Council

History

1. Mar 13, 2015 by
Edward Minar
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Program Title

Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary between two or more colleges or schools?

No

Do the proposed changes impact any specific course(s) from another college or school?

No

What are the total
hours needed to
complete the
program?

72-75

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree (72-75 hours, depending on number of hours earned for the M.A.) including: Degree:

24 hours of course work beyond completion of the M.A. in philosophy (with the approval of the graduate committee, up to six hours may be taken in another discipline). Course work beyond the M.A. must satisfy the following conditions:

Only courses in which a "B" or better is earned count toward the 24 hours of course work required for the Ph.D. Symbolic Logic I or II, or equivalent, or exam in symbolic logic. (This requirement is waived for candidates who have completed the above M.A. program.)

At least nine hours of graduate seminar work in philosophy.

By the time final course work is taken, students must have satisfied course distribution requirements comparable to those for the M.A. degree and PhD students will have to take an additional history of philosophy course (as certified by our Director of Graduate Studies) beyond the requirement for the M.A. 18 hours of dissertation.

~~degree (1a, above):~~ Qualifying Examinations:

Comprehensive Exam: The student must pass a comprehensive examination of his or her main area of specialization.

Prospectus Exam: The student must write a dissertation proposal and pass an oral preliminary dissertation examination covering the proposal and the topic of the dissertation.

An acceptable dissertation, successfully defended before the dissertation committee.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to doctoral degrees.

Through an agreement with the Academic Common Market, residents of certain Southern states may qualify for graduate enrollment in the doctoral program in philosophy as in-state students for fee purposes.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student 25

Demand for Program

Scheduled Program 2029-2030 ~~2014~~

Review Date

Program Goals and

Objectives

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- * The student shows significant sophistication and insight in the analysis and evaluation of arguments;
- * The student proceeds critically in examining his or her own presuppositions and assumptions.

2) Knowledge and understanding of content, including but not limited to:

- * The student's work displays a deep grasp of central concepts and terminology and their importance;
- * The student's work shows expertise in main trends and theories in the areas under consideration;
- * The student demonstrates expertise with regard to historically important positions and figures where relevant;
- * The student's thinking on the issues shows genuine coherence, breadth and depth.
- * The student's thinking is making an original contribution to the current state of knowledge on the issues under discussion

Completion of Ph.D.in Philosophy.

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Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
PhD students will have to take an additional history of philosophy course (as certified by our Director of Graduate Studies) beyond the requirement for the MA.	In line with the change in the MA history requirement, we wish to reduce redundancy in the PhD students' education in the history of philosophy, while giving them some grounding in historical work at an advanced level.

Upload attachments

[LON PHIL PhD.pdf](#)

[Philosophy PhD Before and After.docx](#)

[PHILPH - Curriculum Revision - Ltr of Notification_Rev_BOT.pdf](#)

Reviewer Comments

Christopher Schulte (cschulte) (10/08/25 1:47 pm): Rollback: The type of proposal has been listed as "minor". However, it should be "Major/field of study". Please update to reflect this proposal type. The proposal indicates that this is a 42-semester credit hour program. However, the catalog copy states that students only take 24 hours of coursework beyond the master's degree. While it is likely the case that the semester credit hours missing are the 18 hours of dissertation credit required for the degree, this should be clarified. Please update to provide this additional clarity.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (01/05/26 8:16 am): Removed Undergraduate Council from workflow.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (02/02/26 11:52 am): Adjusted workflow as this proposal now needs off campus approval. Uploaded revised LON with approval dates inserted.

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (02/02/26 12:16 pm): Inserting Provost Initial step, albeit out of the normal sequence of approvals, before the ARSC Curriculum Committee step.