

USC SCHOOL	Dornsife College of Letters, Arts & Sciences
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	Philosophy
GRADUATE PROGRAM	M.A. in Philosophy and Law
POST CODE	1355
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Fall 2023

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

The M.A. in Philosophy and Law is a demanding, interdisciplinary degree that offers exceptional students the opportunity to pursue advanced graduate-level work in philosophy and law in addition to their undergraduate degree requirements. This progressive degree is well-suited for students who have a strong interest in pursuing a PhD in philosophy or a joint JD/PhD, or students with a strong interest in the philosophical dimensions of the law. The degree requires students to take 30 credits, 20 of which must be in philosophy, and it requires two courses in the Gould School of Law.

COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Philosophy	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Philosophy, Politics, and Law	Linguistics and Philosophy

PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
<i>One of the following Logic courses are required:</i>			
PHIL 350	Intermediate Logic		4
PHIL 450**	The Limits of Logic		4
PHIL 452**	Modal Logic		4

**These courses have pre-requisites.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
	NONE	

CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk () and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
FIVE COURSES IN PHILOSOPHY (20 UNITS)		
PHIL 530	Seminar in Philosophy of Law	4
Select one of the following courses:		
PHIL 500	Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature	4
PHIL 503	Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value	4
Electives – Select your remaining three courses:		
PHIL 500	Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature	4
PHIL 501	Seminar in Recent Philosophy	4
PHIL 503	Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature on Value	4
PHIL 505	Pro-Seminar in Central Topics in Contemporary Philosophy	4
PHIL 510	Philosophical Logic	4
PHIL 515	Studies in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	4
PHIL 520	Studies in Modern Philosophy	4
PHIL 525	Seminar in Phenomenology	4
PHIL 537	Seminar in Social and Political Philosophy	4
PHIL 540	Seminar in Ethics	4
PHIL 545	Seminar in Aesthetics	4
PHIL 550**	Advanced Topics in Formal Logic	4
PHIL 551	Seminar in the Philosophy of Logic	4
PHIL 560	Seminar in Metaphysics	4
PHIL 562	Philosophy of Mind	4
PHIL 565	Philosophy of Language	4
PHIL 570	Seminar in Epistemology	4
PHIL 585	Seminar in Philosophy of Science	4
TWO COURSES IN LAW (5-6 UNITS)		
Select one of the following courses:		
LAW 503	Contracts	2
LAW 509	Torts I	3
Select one of the following courses:		
LAW 504	Criminal Law	3
LAW 508	Constitutional Law	3
THESIS REQUIREMENT (4 UNITS)		
PHIL 594a	Master's Thesis	2
PHIL 594b	Master's Thesis	2

**This course has a pre-requisite.

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

0	TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
0	TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

29-30	TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
0	TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)
29-30	MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE

NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

To be eligible for the Philosophy and Law progressive degree, you must be a declared major or minor in the Philosophy department. One recommendation letter is required for admission.

Thesis: Your thesis committee will consist of three faculty members. At least one faculty member must have an appointment in the School of Philosophy and at least one faculty member must have an appointment in the Gould School of Law.

Ralph Wedgwood	05/31/2023
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Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean**Date Approved**

Department Chair of Philosophy

Authorizing Dean's Title