PHILOSOPHY, B.A. TO PHILOSOPHY, M.A. ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Saint Louis University's accelerated Philosophy B.A. to M.A. program offers qualified philosophy majors the opportunity of beginning work toward the M.A. degree in philosophy while completing requirements for the B.A., thereby reducing the time needed to earn the M.A. degree.

SLU's philosophy graduate program is ranked by the Philosophical Gourmet Report (https://philosophicalgourmet.com) near the top 50 (of the 200 such programs in the USA) and is ranked among the best in the world for medieval philosophy and philosophy of religion.

For additional information, see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Philosophy, B.A. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-ba/)

Philosophy, M.A. (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-ma/)

Requirements

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the accelerated program, students should have a minimum of 75 earned undergraduate credits with an overall GPA of 3.80 in their philosophy. They must also have completed the following courses:

- PHIL 1700 The Examined Life: Ultimate Questions (3 cr) or a course that meets the Ultimate Questions: Philosophy core attribute
- PHIL 2050 Ethics (3 cr)
- PHIL 4040 Symbolic Logic (3 cr)
- Two other PHIL courses at the 4000-level

Program Requirements

During the accelerated program, students will be required to take PHIL 5980 Graduate Independent Study in Philosophy (1-3 cr) in lieu of the undergraduate senior inquiry course, PHIL 4880 Senior Inquiry: Project (0,3 cr). Students can then take up to an additional 12 credits PHIL courses at the 5000 level and above that will count towards the master's degree and as Philosophy Electives in the bachelor's in philosophy.

Undergraduate Program Requirement	Met by Graduate Course
PHIL 4880	PHIL 5980
Philosophy Electives	12 credits of PHIL courses 5000-level and above

Once students progress into the M.A. program, they will be required to finish whatever remaining M.A. requirements.

Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

Roadmap notes:

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
HIST 1000	History Matters	3
CORE 1000	Ignite First Year Seminar	2-3
CORE 1500	Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community	1
PHIL 1700	The Examined Life: Ultimate Questions	3
HIST 1200	Communicating About History	3
Elective		3
	Credits	**15-16**
Spring		
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
ENGL 1900	Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research	3
PHIL 2050	Ethics	3
Elective		6
	Credits	**15**
Year Two		
Fall		
CORE 3800	Ways of Thinking: Natural and Applied Sciences	3
PHIL 4040	Symbolic Logic	3
Undergraduate University Core and/or Electives		9
	Credits	**15**
Spring		
PHIL 4XXX course		3
PHIL 3XXX course		3
CORE 2800	Eloquentia Perfecta 3: Creative Expression	2-3
University Undergraduate Core and/or Electives		6
	Credits	**14-15**
Year Three		
Fall		
CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1
PHIL 4XXX course		3
University Undergraduate Core and/or Electives		12
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	Credits	**16**
Spring		
PHIL 5450	Ancient Philosophy	3
CORE 3600	Ways of Thinking: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
University Undergraduate Core and/or Electives		9
	Credits	**15**

Year Four		
Fall		
PHIL 5500	Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL 5980	Graduate Independent Study in Philosophy	3
University Undergraduate Core and/or Electives		9
	Credits	**15**
Spring		
PHIL 5600	Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 5/6XXX Elective		3
University Undergraduate Core and/or Electives		9
B.A. degree conferred		
	Credits	**15**
Summer		
PHIL 5980	Graduate Independent Study in Philosophy	3
	Credits	**3**
Year Five		
Fall		
PHIL 5/6XXX Electives		9
	Credits	**9**
Spring		
PHIL 5/6XXX Electives		9
	Credits	**9**
	Total Credits	**141-143**

Contact Us

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