About the Master of Arts in Philosophy

At this time, our Department is not admitting students who are seeking a terminal master’s degree. However, our doctoral students earn an MA degree en route to the PhD.

Please see the admission criteria for our doctoral degree program (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/philosophy/phd-philosophy).

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Degree Requirements

• 30 semester hours of graduate work, 15 of which must be at the 8000 level.
• At least 80 percent of the hours submitted for the master’s program must be completed with a grade of A or B.
• A distribution of graduate courses including a proseminar for all first year students, one course in the history of philosophy and one course in either ethics, political philosophy, metaphysics, or epistemology.
• A thesis or two papers of format and topic appropriate for a refereed paper in a major journal, displaying sustained research and philosophical analysis, and an oral defense of the thesis or papers.