



University of Missouri–St. Louis
The Graduate School

Master of Arts (MA) Philosophy

Degree Program

A minimum of 36 credit hours is required. Entering students must demonstrate competence in logic, either by having passed a prior course or by taking Phil 5561: Graduate Formal Logic. Students should take Phil 5400: Proseminar in Philosophy in the first year of residency. Students must take at least one course in each of the following: Value Theory, History of Philosophy, Logic/Philosophy of Science, and Epistemology/Metaphysics. Students must also choose two of those areas in which to take comprehensive examinations.

Thesis Option: Substitute six hours of thesis research and writing for two courses.

Program Website

<http://www.umsl.edu/~philo/>

Application Requirements

1. Application

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/future/how-to-apply.html>

2. Writing Sample

Please submit any excerpt that showcases your communicative, analytical, and critical-thinking skills.

3. Official transcripts from all universities attended

Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.

4. Three Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant's recent academic work are required.

5. Grade Point Average

Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale. Students whose GPA is between 2.75 and 2.99 may be admitted on a restricted basis.

6. Statement of Intent

Please explain your interest in the program.

7. Entrance examinations

a. There are no entrance exams for domestic students.

b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.

Application Deadline (for domestic students)

Fall admission, July 1

Winter/spring admission, December 1

Applications are processed as they are submitted. However, applications that are not received by the posted date may delay admission until the following semester.

Assistantships

Applicants may apply for an assistantship by contacting the Philosophy Department for availability and application procedures.

Application fee

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

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