



## The **Master of Arts** in **Philosophy**

**Examine, explore and advance your understanding of the world.**

A master's degree in philosophy helps students to better think, question, judge and reason. And while many who've graduated from the University of Missouri–St. Louis with a Master of Arts in Philosophy have gone on to PhD programs with the goal of teaching in higher education, UMSL's MA in Philosophy can also help you do just about anything else you'd like in business, law, government, religion and many other fields.

### **Master of Arts in Philosophy**

To earn an MA in Philosophy at UMSL, students must complete at least 30 hours of graduate-level coursework, plus write a thesis for an additional three credit hours. Students must also demonstrate a competence in logic, either by having passed a relevant course prior to admission or by taking PHIL 5561: Graduate Formal Logic. What's more, to enhance our students' learning opportunities, UMSL's Department of Philosophy has joined forces with St. Louis University to allow graduate philosophy students on each campus to take up to four courses at either institution. UMSL MA in Philosophy students must take all coursework during their first semester of graduate study on their home campus, and at least half of their courses at UMSL during any given semester.

### **2+3 BA/MA Dual Degree Program**

The MA in Philosophy is also offered in the 2+3 program format. This unique 2+3 dual degree program provides a pathway for students to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in philosophy with fewer total credit hours than would be required to complete each degree independently. Once all requirements have been met, students will be awarded both a BA and an MA, enabling them to enter the job market with a competitive edge.

## Transforming Lives

The Master of Arts in Philosophy at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off-campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. Students in our programs engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic and well-educated employees.

UMSL's Department of Philosophy has strengths in ethics and its application to a host of practical fields including biological science, business, nursing, psychological science, pre-law, and philosophy of religion and science. Department faculty are internationally respected, publishing in the top journals in the field and the department regularly hosts public lectures and other events.

### Serious education. Serious value.

The MA in Philosophy is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in-person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

**Learn more at [philosophy.umsl.edu](http://philosophy.umsl.edu)**

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. More than 75% of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce, and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for philosophy.

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