

## Master of Arts (MA) Philosophy

### Degree Program

- Students must complete at least 30 hours of graduate-level course work.
- In addition, students must write a thesis, for which they must take three to six credit hours of Thesis Research.
- Entering students must demonstrate a competence in logic, either by having passed the relevant course prior to admission or by taking PHIL 5561: Graduate Formal Logic here at UMSL.
- Students should take PHIL 5400: Proseminar in Philosophy in the first year of residency.
- At least two-thirds of the course work must be completed in residence at UMSL. In addition, the courses taken are subject to two distribution requirements:
  - At least half of the courses must be at the 5000 level.
  - Two courses (6 credit hours) must be chosen from each of the following four subject areas: Value Theory, History of Philosophy, Logic/Philosophy of Science, Epistemology/Metaphysics

### Program Website

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

### Application Requirements

#### 1. Application

<http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>

#### 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 applicants)

**Fall Semester:** July 1  
**Semester May 1**

**Spring Semester:** December 1

**Summer**

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

### Application Deadline (for international applicants)

**Fall Semester:** May 1

**Spring Semester:** October 1

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## **Assistantships**

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

## **Application fee**

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

## **Graduate Program Director**

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