

## 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/~philol/>

### 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

**Spring Semester:** December 1

**Summer Semester** May 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.*

### Application Deadline (for international applicants)

**Fall Semester:** June 1

**Spring Semester:** October 1

### Assistantships

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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

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