

PHILOSOPHY, PHD

When the Johns Hopkins University was founded in 1876, it was the first university in the United States designed as a center for research and doctoral education. Among its earliest graduate students were Josiah Royce and John Dewey; C.S. Peirce was an early faculty member. The William H. Miller III Department of Philosophy continues this tradition today, preparing graduate students to make original contributions to the field and to pursue careers in college and university teaching. With the support of an unprecedented gift by alumnus William H. Miller, the Department has increased guaranteed PhD funding to six years and is expanding the size and breadth of the faculty.

Usually there are about 15 graduate students taking courses and seminars, and another 15 at various stages in the writing of their dissertations. Because classes are small, we look for students who wish to take advantage of the individual attention available here. The Department's purpose is to provide opportunities for students to develop special interests within a program that also ensures breadth of knowledge. We offer classes, seminars, and directed study in the history of ancient, modern, and contemporary Western philosophy, and in the systematic areas of epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, philosophy of science, philosophy of physics, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, philosophy of mathematics, mathematical logic, and aesthetics. Courses with relevance to philosophy are frequently offered in other departments, and in certain circumstances these may be used toward the PhD or MA course requirements in philosophy.

For more information on the requirements for the PhD, financial aid, and other support refer to the Department's website (<https://philosophy.jhu.edu/graduate/graduate-requirements/>).

Admission Requirements

While an undergraduate major in philosophy is good preparation for graduate study in the department, applications are welcomed from students with other majors whose interests are now turning toward philosophy.

To apply, please read the information below and on the Graduate Admissions website (<https://www.jhu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/>), and complete the application online.

If applying to more than one department, please send complete application materials for each department. All application documents must be provided in English (either the original or translations of the original documents). If you are unable to secure translations to English, we recommend that you contact World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org/>).

All application materials and supporting documents should be uploaded through the online application; these include:

- Transcripts: Unofficial transcripts must be uploaded through the online application. Applications will be ready for review with unofficial transcripts, but official transcripts will be required if an offer of admission is made
- GRE scores (mandatory)
- TOEFL or IELTS score (for international applicants)
- Sample of work (the sample should reflect the applicant's area of interest, and generally does not have to be more than 20 pages in length).

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is January 15 or, if January 15 falls on a weekend or a holiday, the next business day. Admissions decisions will be made around March 15.

For questions or inquiries about the online application and supporting documents, contact the Graduate Admissions office using the online contact form (<https://applygrad.jhu.edu/register/?id=6ac9a6f3-2129-4bf5-ab36-8ab80fcd2f5e>). You may also contact the Department's administrative office at philosophy@jhu.edu or 410-516-7524.

- Online application (<https://applygrad.jhu.edu/apply/?sr=1bf0a763-446d-4552-b7f6-4b450a7fa62f>)
- Application fee
- Statement of Purpose (briefly state your area of interest at the beginning of your Statement of Purpose; upload through the online application)
- Letters of recommendation (at least two): Letters of recommendation should be submitted and uploaded electronically following the instructions in the online application.