Master of Arts in Philosophy

The department of philosophy at the University of Denver offers an MA in philosophy, but only when done through the university’s flexible dual-degree program in conjunction with an MA in another approved discipline. The philosophy faculty places a strong emphasis on research and personal interaction with students. Our program is designed to meet the needs of two kinds of students — those wishing to prepare for doctoral work in philosophy and those seeking an individualized course of study with a more interdisciplinary focus. Areas of concentration include the history of Western thought, interpretive and critical theory, practical philosophy, meta-philosophy, and studies in creative and critical reasoning about human nature and values.

Proposal Process for Flexible Dual-Degree Program in Philosophy

After formal admission into both programs, the dean, chair, or director of each degree program and both program advisors, must carefully compare the requirements for each program and approve the proposal. The student must then submit a copy of the original requirements for each degree (printout from the unit Web site or copy from the student handbook is acceptable), and the flexible dual-degree proposal to the Office of Graduate Education. The philosophy department will provide a coursework template for the student to include with his or her proposal. The student then submits the documents listed above to the Office of Graduate Education, which reviews and decides on the proposals.

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Application Deadlines

- Fall 2018 Final Submission Deadline: February 1, 2018
- Winter 2019 Final Submission Deadline: December 15, 2018
- Spring 2019 Final Submission Deadline: March 1, 2019

Admission Requirements

- Online admission application
- $65.00 Application Fee
- University Minimum Degree and GPA Requirements
- Transcripts: One official transcript from each post-secondary institution.
- GRE: The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. Scores must be received directly from the appropriate testing agency by the deadline. The institution code for the University of Denver is 4842.
- Letters of Recommendation: Two (2) letters of recommendation are required. Letters should be submitted by recommenders through the online application.
- Personal Statement: A short statement describing your interest in philosophy and career goals is required.
- Prerequisites: An undergraduate degree in philosophy is desirable, but talented students from other areas will be considered for admission. Students must already have been accepted and matriculated into the master’s degree program in another approved DU master’s program.
- Other Requirements: All students should apply after matriculation into their first MA program at DU, but must matriculate into the Philosophy program no later than the first available term following fifty percent (50%) course work completion of the first program. To propose a flexible dual-degree, the student must seek the counsel of an adviser in the philosophy department.

Admission Standards for Non-Native English Speakers

Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) are required of all graduate applicants, regardless of citizenship status, whose native language is not English or who have been educated in countries where English is not the native language. The minimum TOEFL/IELTS/CAE test score requirements for the degree program are:

- Minimum TOEFL Score (paper-based test): 550
- Minimum TOEFL Score (internet-based test): 80
- Minimum IELTS Score: 6.5
• Minimum CAE Score: 169
• English Conditional Admission Offered: No, this program does not offer English Conditional Admission.

Read the English Language Proficiency policy for more details.

Read the English Conditional Admission (ECA) policy for more details.

Read the Required Tests for GTA Eligibility policy for more details.

**Additional Standards for International Applicants**

Per Student & Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) regulation, international applicants must meet all standards for admission before an I-20 or DS-2019 is issued, [per U.S. Federal Register: 8 CFR § 214.3(k)] or is academically eligible for admission and is admitted [per 22 C.F.R. §62]. Read the Additional Standards For International Applicants policy for more details.

**Financial Aid**

There are many different options available to finance your education. Most University of Denver graduate students are granted some type of financial support. Our Office of Financial Aid is committed to helping you explore your options.

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**Degree Requirements**

**Coursework Requirements**

45 quarter hours in philosophy (students may propose to have this amount reduced by a maximum of 10 quarter hours under appropriate circumstances as specified by the flexible dual-degree guidelines). Because philosophy is part of a flexible dual degree program, these hours are required in addition to the required hours in another approved discipline. Courses graded below a C– cannot be counted for a flexible dual degree.

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Minimum number of credits required for the degree: 45

**Non-Coursework Requirements**

• A comprehensive exam over the history of Western philosophy
• A portfolio paper approved by a committee of three department faculty
• An oral defense covering both the comprehensive exam on the history of Western philosophy and the portfolio paper