Philosophy

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Degree Requirements

PhD in Philosophy and Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology

Completion of the Philosophy and PNP PhD programs requires the following:

1. Regular attendance at departmental colloquium talks
2. Completion of course work, which is expected before the end of the third year
3. Completion of four semesters of Mentored Teaching Experience, normally during the second and third years
4. Completion of six qualifying examinations, normally before the end of the third year
5. Satisfactory participation in the dissertation seminar, starting during the fourth year
6. Preparation and defense of a dissertation prospectus, normally before the end of the fourth year
7. Satisfactory presentation of a departmental colloquium talk
8. Preparation and defense of a dissertation
9. Fulfillment of Graduate School requirements

Students on special fellowship (e.g., Olin, Chancellor’s) are subject to the same requirements as other PhD students.

The Graduate School’s Policies & Procedures site (https://graduateschool.wustl.edu/policies-procedures/) includes information about taking leaves of absence as well as study or research in absentia.

We use the Philosophy and PNP Graduate Programs Requirements Checklist (https://wustl.app.box.com/s/0tl5rei5ev60bdclrm1f1gt3gcmalmr/) to keep track of student progress.

Students who entered the program prior to 2020 are not subject to all of these requirements; contact the director of graduate studies for details.

Additional Information

For additional information, visit the Department of Philosophy’s Graduate Program Requirements webpage (https://philosophy.wustl.edu/graduate-program-requirements/). Please contact the department for further details.