Ph.D. in Philosophy

Learning Outcomes

Philosophy doctoral students can:

- Critically discuss philosophical issues (via well-grounded arguments) and questions from the perspectives of multiple methods, traditions, and historical contexts.

- Evaluate philosophical issues, questions, and problems critically and analytically.

- Write an articulate and well-ordered essay presenting philosophical positions in a way that addresses philosophical issues and questions.

- Formulate and evaluate their own understanding of a diverse range of philosophical problems, in both writing and discussion.

- Integrate a critical understanding of central philosophical ideas from the history of philosophy, broadly construed to include more than the Western tradition.

- Read and integrate into their research relevant primary and secondary texts from the history of philosophy in their original language.

- Produce a substantial piece of research (thesis or dissertation) that makes an original contribution to the field of philosophy and/or exhibits a comprehensive grasp of the relevant scholarship on a given question, text, or figure.

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