

PHILOSOPHY

PhD IN PHILOSOPHY • MA IN PHILOSOPHY • MA IN SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

The Loyola University Chicago Philosophy Department is strongly committed to the Jesuit mission and to philosophical pluralism. This twofold commitment is reflected at all levels of our programming.

PHD IN PHILOSOPHY

Our doctoral program has two principal areas of focus: continental philosophy and ethics/social-political philosophy. We have significant supporting strengths in the history of philosophy, analytic philosophy, and philosophy of religion. Further information is available at LUC.edu/philosophy/phd.shtml.

MA IN PHILOSOPHY

The master's program in philosophy is a terminal degree primarily intended for students who do not plan on pursuing a doctoral degree at Loyola. Further information is available at LUC.edu/philosophy/ma.shtml.

MA IN SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

The master's program in social philosophy is a terminal degree that focuses on moral and social philosophy. Further information is available at LUC.edu/philosophy/ma_social.shtml.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree offers part-and full-time enrollment.
Average time to completion for PhD: 5–6 years (full time)
Average time to completion for MA: 2 years (full time), varies (part time)
Online options are not available.

RESEARCH/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Research and professional development opportunities are offered as part of the program.
There are summer research grants for graduate students and paid summer research mentor positions with undergraduates.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT LIFE

- Many philosophy students participate in and present papers at conferences and departmental student-faculty led research groups. Research groups include HOPR (History of Philosophy Roundtable), LEAVS (Loyola Ethics and Values Symposia), PRG (Phenomenology Research Group), and SPLW (Social, Political, and Legal Workshop).
- Student organizations, as well as service opportunities, are associated with the program. *Organizations include: AGSP (Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy), and the department's MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) chapter. Service opportunities can include students serving as mentors for our yearly undergraduate philosophy conference, becoming a mentor in our MAP graduate-undergraduate mentorship program, and helping coach and judge undergrads in Ethics and Bioethics Bowl work.*

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

- Many MA program graduates continue to study philosophy at the PhD level at another institution. PhD students typically enter academia as instructors or entry level professors. But both MA and PhD graduates sometimes choose to take positions in education, business, health care, etc.
- To learn more about where recent graduates are employed, visit LUC.edu/philosophy/resources.shtml.
- To learn more about career services, visit LUC.edu/philosophy/job_market_application.shtml.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Our program is pluralistic and flexible. Our students come from all over the country (indeed, all over the world) with a great variety of backgrounds.

We are one of the largest philosophy departments in the country with more than 20 graduate faculty members. Hence, we can offer students a wide variety of courses and specializations. Our faculty members are accessible and many work closely with grad students on research, pedagogy, and professional development.

FACULTY

Philosophy faculty members are both passionate about their teaching and dedicated to their research. Areas of faculty interest include continental philosophy, social-political philosophy, critical philosophy of race, feminism, ethics, bioethics, history of philosophy, philosophy of religion, and analytic philosophy.

PREREQUISITES

PhD students are required to have earned a BA degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution. They should have a solid background in philosophy, usually an undergraduate major.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

The Graduate School has limited funds available for financial assistance. Financial aid from Loyola's Financial Aid Office will not impact your ability to apply for financial aid through the Graduate School. To learn more about these financial aid opportunities, visit LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool.

LEARN MORE

APPLY

gpem.LUC.edu/apply

For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit LUC.edu/gpem/info.

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