Program Requirements Overview

1. Number of Courses
   1st and 2nd year: 18 course, 12 of which must be seminars in the NU philosophy department.
   3rd year: 6 NU philosophy seminars P/NP (waived for students with MA)

2. Core Distribution Requirements
   One course in the Department of Philosophy at Northwestern University, at the 300- or 400-level, in each of the following areas:
   - Ancient Philosophy
   - Modern Philosophy
   - Contemporary Philosophy Category A: moral or political philosophy
   - Contemporary Philosophy Category B: metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, or philosophy of science

3. Logic Requirement: 250 with additional grad level work, or equivalent

4. Proseminars: one in each of the first two years.

5. Qualifying papers: one in each of the first two years.

6. Skills Requirement
   1. Competence in a second language other than English;
   2. Completion of a course in advanced logic (250-level or above); or
   3. A skills requirement involving work in a related discipline (Linguistics, Cognitive Science, Mathematics, etc.) or a complementary philosophical area. By the end of the first year, students should declare to the DGS what his or her proposed competence (or competences) will be, and the DGS will arrange a course of study (or an equivalent) that will demonstrate the needed level of training.

7. Dissertation Research Seminars: one presentation in each of the third and fourth years.


**Deadlines:**

1\textsuperscript{st} year qualifying paper: June 1

2\textsuperscript{nd} year qualifying paper: June 1

Logic and Skills requirements: by the end of 3\textsuperscript{rd} year

Dissertation Prospectus and Oral defense: No later than May 31 of 3\textsuperscript{rd} year

Conditional pass to be resolved: No later than October 15 of 4\textsuperscript{th} year

3\textsuperscript{rd} year Dissertation research seminar: Winter quarter of 3\textsuperscript{rd} year

4\textsuperscript{th} year Dissertation research seminar: Spring quarter of 4\textsuperscript{th} year

3\textsuperscript{rd} year and above annual reports: June 1

Completion of Incompletes: September 15 of each year