

# UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS



## Philosophy Department

Philosophical studies at the University of Dallas have three features that set the UD philosophy program apart from many others. First, UD philosophy students read the great philosophers themselves, not textbook summaries. The core courses and the historical courses, in particular, focus on the study of some of the most influential texts of the Western philosophical tradition, including Plato’s “Republic,” Aristotle’s “Metaphysics,” Augustine’s “Confessions,” Thomas Aquinas’ “On Being,” Descartes’ “Meditations,” Kant’s “Prolegomena” and Heidegger’s “Being and Time.”

Second, majors in the UD philosophy program receive a solid grounding in the history of Western philosophy. In this fashion, they acquire an understanding of not merely an isolated thinker or theory, but of the unfolding of philosophical tradition as a whole.

Third, as a philosophy department at a Catholic university, the UD program encourages dialogue with theological texts and ideas.

### Concentrations and Double Majors

Philosophy can very usefully be combined with studies in almost every other field. The unique place that philosophy occupies within the system of knowledge is something you should bear in mind when you choose your electives, or when you decide that you would like to add a concentration to philosophy as your major subject.

### The Comprehensive Examination

The philosophy comprehensive examination has two parts, written and oral, and is meant to test the breadth of your knowledge of Western philosophy, with an emphasis on some of its principal authors and themes, as well as your ability to think through a topic philosophically.

### Philosophy Four-Year Plan:

#### Freshman Year

Art, Drama, Music or Math	3	Art, Drama, Music or Math	3
History 1311	3	History 1312	3
English 1301	3	English 1302	3
Language 1301 (or 2301)	3	Language 1301 (or 2312)	3
Philosophy 1301	3	Theology 1310	3
<b>Fall Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spring Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Junior Year

Philosophy 3339	3	Philosophy 3326	3
Philosophy 3325	3	Philosophy 3328	3
Philosophy 3327	3	Philosophy 3351	3
Science	3	Science	4
Economics 1311	3	Elective	3
<b>Fall Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spring Semester Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

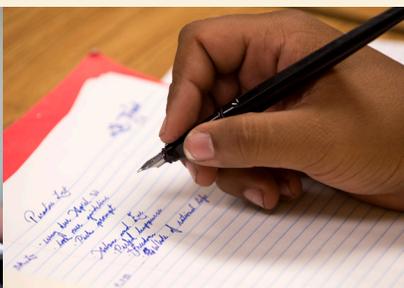
#### Sophomore Year (Actual schedule depends on when you go to Rome.)

English 2311-2312	6
History 2301-2302	6
Philosophy 2323	3
Theology 2311	3
Politics 1311	3
Language 2311-2312 (or Elective)	6
Philosophy 3311	6
<b>Total Sophomore Year Credits</b>	<b>30</b>

#### Senior Year

Philosophy 4336	3	Philosophy 4331 or 4333	3
Philosophy 4337 or 4338	3	Philosophy 4141	1
Philosophy 4341	3	Elective	3
Electives	6	Electives	9
<b>Fall Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spring Semester Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

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## The Philosophy Colloquium

The Philosophy Colloquium is an opportunity to discuss matters philosophically in an open forum. This one-credit, pass-fail course takes place once per week during the semester. A speaker – who may be a member of the faculty, a graduate student or a visiting scholar – proposes a significant philosophical question for discussion and reflection.

## The Father Thomas Cain Aquinas Medal

Each year, the most outstanding UD philosophy major has the opportunity of being awarded the department's Aquinas Medal.

## The M.A. in Philosophy at the University of Dallas

A Master of Arts in philosophy at the University of Dallas can be accomplished in one year subsequent to your undergraduate studies if you already satisfy some of the requirements for the M.A. in your senior year. Moreover, a philosophy major may take one graduate course per semester in the senior year; these two courses already count toward the master's.

### Action Items for Philosophy Majors:

- Join campus clubs and organizations that support your interests, like the **Philosophy Club**. Explore what various organizations have to offer and what skills you can offer in return.
- Explore electives beyond your philosophy coursework. While the philosophy curriculum will teach you to present complex ideas clearly and persuasively, electives from other departments, such as business, art or science, could benefit your career as well.
- Work with your academic adviser and the Office of Personal Career Development (OPCD) to explore **internship, research and volunteer opportunities** that will complement your study of philosophy. Because UD philosophy majors develop particularly good textual analysis skills and a sharp eye for detail, many organizations are interested in recruiting them.
- Collaborate with the OPCD to develop a resume that highlights the unique skills you have earned as a philosophy major. Tailor it to match career fields or graduate schools that interest you.

## Applying your interests, skills and values in a changing world

### Examples of recent philosophy major internships include:

Legal Assistant Intern, Greening Law PC
Policy Analysis Intern, National Center for Policy Analysis

### Professional destinations of recent philosophy graduates have included:

Core Team Member, Love Begins Here
Graduate Intern, The Heritage Foundation
Latin Teacher, Department Director & Assistant Dean, Subiaco Academy
Literature/Composition & Music Teacher, Trivium Preparatory, Great Hearts Academies
Mortgage Relationship Manager, Residential Credit Solutions Inc.
Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Germany
Events & Publicity Coordinator/Contributing Writer, Janet Kafka & Associates, Patron Magazine

### Examples of institutions where recent philosophy major graduates have pursued graduate-level degrees include:

University of San Diego (JD)
Loyola University
Notre Dame School of Law
Texas Tech University
New York University