

# SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY™

## GRADUATE EDUCATION

### Philosophy

#### + College of Arts and Sciences

Saint Louis University is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students on two dynamic, urban campuses - in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Founded in 1818, the University is celebrating its bicentennial.

With a legacy of innovative academics and research, compassionate health care and faithful service, Saint Louis University attracts a diverse community of scholars who push intellectual boundaries in pursuit of creative, meaningful ways to impact the world, striving to serve a higher purpose and seek a greater good.

#### OVERVIEW >>

Saint Louis University's graduate program in philosophy offers a range of courses in the history of philosophy with principal emphases in ethics, social and political philosophy, metaphysics, epistemology, medieval philosophy and the philosophy of religion. Special resources available to the program include the international philosophical journal, *Res Philosophica*; the Vatican Film Library, one of the finest repositories of its kind in the Western hemisphere; the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies; a formal faculty and student exchange with the University of Frankfurt in Germany; and the James Collins Visiting Professorship, through which noted European scholars are invited to teach in the graduate program in the department.

##### M.A.:

Two options are available for the Master of Arts degree: thesis and nonthesis.

The nonthesis program requires 30 credit hours approved by the chair, a minimum of 15 graduate credit hours, a minimum of 18 credit hours in philosophy (12 of which must be graduate) and completion of the review synthesis course (three credit hours).

The thesis program requires 30 credit hours, including:

- 24 credit hours of graduate-level courses (12 of which must be credit hours in ancient, medieval, modern and contemporary periods)
- Six credit hours of thesis research
- Completion of a three-hour written examination on the history of philosophy covering three of the four historical periods
- Completion of thesis
- One-hour oral examination on master's thesis and coursework
- Reading proficiency in French, German or other foreign language

##### Ph.D.:

The Doctor of Philosophy program is designed to prepare students to enter the field of philosophy as teachers at all levels, undergraduate and graduate, and as scholars prepared to engage at the highest levels of philosophical discourse practiced in the discipline.

Fifty-four credit hours of graduate courses are required with the following distribution:

- 21 credit hours in the history of philosophy:
  - Two seminars/courses in the following areas: ancient, medieval and modern
  - One seminar/course in contemporary history
- 15 credit hours in "topics" in three of the following four areas: ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, and social and political
- Nine credit hours of electives
- One course (three credit hours) in advanced logic
- Six credit hours of two three-hour reading courses in the topic of the dissertation culminating in the dissertation prospectus

#### CONTACT INFORMATION >>

##### Philosophy Department

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#### APPLICATION DEADLINE >>

	M.A.	Ph.D.
FALL	Feb. 15	Feb. 15
SPRING	N/A	N/A
SUMMER	N/A	N/A

Deadlines for assistantships are listed online.

#### DEGREES & PROGRAMS >>

- Master of Arts in Philosophy
- Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy

#### COURSES AVAILABLE >>

DAYS  NIGHTS  WEEKEND  ONLINE

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS >>

- Application form and fee (if applicable)
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE scores
- Résumé or curriculum vitae
- Personal goal statement and writing sample

#### ADMISSION CRITERIA >>

Proven skills in philosophy via GPA in the major/minor, writing sample and testimony by faculty.



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#### FACULTY >>

Michael Barber, S.J., Ph.D.: Phenomenology, ethics and social philosophy  
Gregory Beabout, Ph.D.: Ethics, Kierkegaard, Catholic social thought  
Scott Berman, Ph.D.: Greek philosophy, contemporary metaphysics  
Jeff Bishop, Ph.D.: Medical ethics, bioethics, philosophy of medicine, Foucault, MacIntyre  
James Bohman, Ph.D.: Political philosophy, philosophy of social science  
Susan Brower-Toland, Ph.D.: Medieval philosophy  
John Greco, Ph.D.: Epistemology  
Dan Haybron, Ph.D.: Ethics, philosophy of psychology, moral psychology, social and political philosophy  
Jonathan Jacobs, Ph.D.: Metaphysics, philosophy of religion  
Kathryn Lindeman, Ph.D.: Ethics, meta-ethics, epistemology  
Jack Marler, Ph.D.: Plotinus, Augustine, early medieval philosophy  
Colleen McCluskey, Ph.D.: Medieval philosophy, ethics, feminism  
Scott Ragland, Ph.D.: Early modern philosophy, Descartes  
William Rehg, S.J., Ph.D.: Argumentation theory, sciences and technology studies, ethics and social-political theory  
Joe Salerno, Ph.D.: Epistemology and philosophy of logic  
Kent Staley, Ph.D.: Philosophy of science  
Eleonore Stump, Ph.D.: Medieval philosophy, philosophy of religion, metaphysics  
George Terzis, Ph.D.: Greek philosophy, ethical theory, philosophy of mind  
Theodore R. Vitali, C.P., Ph.D.: Philosophical theology, process metaphysics, environmental ethics  
Leamon Bazil, Ph.D. (Postdoctoral teaching fellow): Social-political philosophy, ethics

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#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS >>

##### Recognition:

The Philosophical Gourmet 2011 ranked the SLU philosophy department highly in four areas: medieval philosophy, philosophy of religion, epistemology, action theory and social philosophy. In 2015, that same report ranked the department among the top 50 best graduate programs in the nation.

- Distinguished faculty and visiting scholars offer a wide range of philosophical topics and methods — systematic, analytic and historical.
- SLU's philosophy department is ranked in the top 50 best graduate programs in the nation, and is noted for strengths in medieval philosophy, philosophy of religion, action theory, epistemology and social political philosophy.
- There are regular opportunities to work with eminent visiting scholars, numerous colloquia and conferences, a wide variety of reading groups as well as opportunities to participate in exchange programs.

##### Career Paths:

Possible careers include entrepreneur, diplomat, professor, lawyer, church ministry and public service official.

#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT >>

At present, there are six different forms of financial aid available to graduate students in philosophy in good academic standing: teaching assistantship, graduate fellowship, minority fellowship, presidential fellowship, dissertation fellowship and tuition remission.



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