

GRADUATE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic institution dedicated to advancing the frontiers of knowledge in the theoretical and applied fields through quality graduate education that is comprehensive and responsive to the needs of society.

We are committed to the formation of scholars and high level professionals who are ethical, competent, compassionate and committed to the service of the Church, the Nation and the Global Community.

GRADUATE SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

We envision a Graduate School that stands for excellence and innovation and that will be globally identified for the distinction of its programs and quality of its research.

GRADUATE SCHOOL GOALS

To realize this mission-vision, the Graduate School commits itself within the next five (5) years:

- To develop the intellect and creativity through excellence in instruction, research, and extension work.
- To form scholars and high level professionals in the arts and humanities, the natural and allied health sciences, the social and management sciences who are ethical and who demonstrate competencies functional in both the local and global workplace.
- To hone the professional and social skills, and critical capabilities of students enabling them to become responsible leaders in their careers and community.
- To provide students opportunities to serve the larger community through extension work and community service.
- To produce quality research in the various fields of knowledge that is internationally recognized.
- To recruit Faculty who are acknowledged experts in the field and to complement the

teaching staff by inviting international scholars in the various disciplines.

- To build partnerships and linkages between the Graduate School and academic institutions, industry and government entities at the local and international level.
- To enhance the image and visibility of the Graduate School and its work in both the local and global community.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- A. Application for admission to the UST Graduate School is until October 15 for October enrollees, April 5 for Summer enrollees and May 25 for June enrollees.
- B. Application forms for Admission are available at the UST Graduate School, UST Admissions Office & at the UST Graduate School Web Site – <http://www.ust.edu.ph>

REQUIREMENTS:

Certified true copy of Transcript of Records, one (1) colored passport size, recent photo (if any) document(s) attesting to passing a Bar/Board Exam, or being a scholar of any agency.

Two (2) Referral Forms: One(1) for the current (immediate) superior (or Dean, in the case of a school); and the other, for the professor in one specialization (major) subject.

For Foreigners:

All of the above and;
TOEFL English Proficiency and Student Visa Requirements.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy or related courses with a general average of at least 2.0/85% or B.
2. Complete accomplished application and referral forms.

PHILOSOPHY & OBJECTIVES

The Arts & Humanities Cluster of disciplines of the UST Graduate School envisions itself in the next five (5) years to be a center of excellence in all of its graduate programs, focusing on the areas of teaching, research and creative collaborations and as an innovator in the area of community-extension services. It also envisions itself as the premier Graduate School for the Arts & the Humanities in the country and in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The Arts & Humanities Cluster intends to develop globally competitive scholars and ethical world class professionals who can contribute to the development and progress of the Filipino nation.

As a Center of Excellence, the graduate programs in philosophy aims:

- To develop scholars geared towards philosophical research who will be responsive to the improvement of an ethical way of life for the Filipinos, the Asians, and the peoples all over the world.
- To develop lifelong learners, globally competitive and creative thinkers who will promote multi-disciplinary collaboration of the sustainable growth and development of the political, social, and economic aspects of national and international societies.

CURRICULUM

MASTER OF ARTS MAJOR IN PHILOSOPHY

PRE-REQUISITE SUBJECT: 3 UNITS

GS-501 - Philosophical Research

The course prepares students for the demands and rigors of scholarly research in the field of Philosophy. It provides them extensive theoretical knowledge in qualitative research traditions.

CORE SUBJECTS: 12 UNITS

PHL 601 - Advanced Metaphysics

This course is a survey of the major theories and doctrines in metaphysics. It traces the development of major metaphysical theories particularly on the notions of reality and being, from Ancient Greeks, the Medieval thinkers, the Rationalists and the Empiricists of the modern period and the Enlightenment.

PHL 602 - Advanced Philosophy of Religion (Natural Theology)

This subject deals with the underlying reasons and meaning of religion, it is an attempt to philosophize about man's relation to the Supreme Being and the spiritual realm. It includes discussions on God's

existence, religious belief, experience and language, the problem of evil, the relation of reason, faith and revelation, immortality and reincarnation.

PHL 603 - Advanced Social and Political Philosophy

The course covers Western, Eastern, and Filipino social, political and legal philosophies. The synthesis at the end assesses the different complementary and conflict schools of thought.

PHL 604 - Advanced Philosophy of Knowledge

This course is series of lectures and discussions on the various topics and themes on the philosophy of knowledge. Topics are focused on the nature, value, origin, sources, and validity of knowledge. Particular topics include the various classical and contemporary theories on knowledge.

PHL 605 - Advanced Aesthetics

This is an interpretative self-correcting integrating course which exposes philosophy majors to the theory and texts of advanced aesthetics, specially pre-modern, modern and postmodern aesthetics, in mediation with the History of Philosophy, and makes them apply the basic concepts and skills in self development and in communicative action or community service.

PHL 606 - Advanced Ethics

This is a study of the different theories and philosophies in Ethics. Discussions are focused on the past and contemporary ethical theories and philosophies both in the eastern and western traditions.

PHL 607 - Advanced Philosophy of the Human Person

A comprehensive and appreciative close reading of primary essays in contemporary Philosophy of the Human Person which generally use a phenomenological approach, and selected for their shedding light on contemporary Christian concerns. It is broadly organized thematically to cover questions of human consciousness and the need for an awareness of the purposefulness of life, of the nature of the human person as both individual and as a social intersubjective person who lives and exist in the midst of things, concerns, and projects.

MAJOR SUBJECTS: 15 UNITS

PHL 701 - Confucian Philosophy

CONFUCIANISM PHILOSOPHY deals with the deeper delineation of its basic concepts, theories and themes. Through central texts of the Confucian tradition, the course introduces students to patterns of thought, vocabulary, and argumentation that characterize the thought of Confucius and his followers. The views of Confucius, Mencius, Xunzi and others will be the basis for coming to understand the way of thinking embodied in one of the world's most important and widespread traditions.

PHL 702 - Advanced Rationalism

The course provides an in depth critical treatment on the works of Rationalist philosophers in the modern period. With regard to its scope, the course will focus on the developments of the various philosophers and philosophical systems of the modern period. These includes the four most important rationalist philosophers namely, Rene Descartes, Francis Bacon, Baruch Spinoza and Wilhelm Gottfried Leibniz.

PHL 703 - Advanced Empiricism

The course is an in depth critical evaluation of the major works of the Empiricist Philosophers of the Modern period. With regard to its scope, the course will focus on the developments of the various philosophers and philosophical systems of the Empiricist period. These include the philosophical systems of John Locke, George Berkeley, David Hume.

PHL 704 - Advanced Philosophy of the Age of Enlightenment

The course is designed as an in depth approach to the philosophies of the Enlightenment period of modern philosophy. With regard to its scope, the course will focus on the developments of the various philosophers, their works and philosophical systems in the French and German Age of Enlightenment. These include, Enlightenment Philosophies of Jean Jacques Rousseau, Immanuel Kant and Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel. Relevant works of other thinkers like Diderot, Voltaire, Fichte and Schelling will be considered.

PHL 705 - Advanced Hermeneutics and Deconstruction

This is an interpretative self-correcting integrating course which exposes philosophy majors to the theory and texts of advanced hermeneutics, specially Greek, French and German in mediation with the History of Philosophy, and makes them apply the basic concepts and skills in self development and in communicative action or community service.

PHL 706 - Advanced Phenomenology

The course is a critical evaluation of the philosophical development of Phenomenology and its most important representative thinkers in the 20th century. It will give a comprehensive treatment on the Phenomenological philosophies of Edmund Husserl, Martin Heidegger, Maurice Merleau Ponty, Jean Paul Sartre, Emmanuel Levinas and Paul Ricoeur.

PHL 707 - Advanced Existentialism

ADVANCED EXISTENTIALISM is a course that focuses on the unveiling of what it means to be human the existentialist way. The basic themes that are delineated here are: essence of self-definition, individual responsibility,

autonomy, the person as a conscious subject, anxiety, absurdity, nothingness, alienation and death as seen in the philosophy of the leading existentialists -- Sartre, Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Nietzsche, De Beauvoir, Camus and Buber.

PHL 708 - Comparative Philosophy

The course on COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHY is a delineation of some perspectives of and distinctions between oriental and occidental philosophy on human existence. Special questions and issues are addressed placing side by side the views of Aurobindo and De Chardin.

PHL 709 - Advanced Pragmatism (Pierce, Dewey, James)

The course covers the major American philosophers of pragmatism (Charles S. Peirce, William James, John Dewey) and neo-pragmatism (George Herbert Mead, W. V. O. Quine and Richard Rorty).

PHL 710 - Post-Modernism

The course is designed to provide a comprehensive and critical evaluation of the various movements of Postmodernist philosophies in the history of western philosophy. The course will give emphasis on a detailed study of the philosophies of Jean Francois Lyotard, Michel Foucault, Jean Baudrillard, Jacques Derrida, Gilles Deleuze, Luce Irigaray, Helene Cixous, Julia Kristeva, Jacques Lacan and a dialogue with other contemporary thinkers such as Jurgen Habermas, Paul Ricoeur, Hans Georg Gadamer and Richard Rorty.

PHL 711 - Special Topics in Philosophy

Any current issues and updates on philosophy.

COGNATE SUBJECTS: 3 UNITS

Any related course in History, Theology, Literature & Political Science.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Written Comprehensive Examinations (WCE)

TW I - 3 units (Thesis Proposal)

TW II - 3 units (Research Colloquium)

TW III - 3 units (Thesis Defense)

Total = 42 Units

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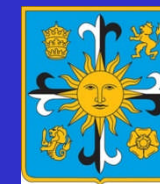
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GRADUATE PROGRAM

AY 2006 – AY 2011

PHILOSOPHY

Master of Arts major in Philosophy

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