



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Graduate Diploma of Philosophy

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School of Philosophy & Theology

Do you have a bachelor's degree in another subject area but want to explore some of the big questions? If you wish to study philosophy due to personal interest or professional ambition, you will find this one-year Graduate Diploma of Philosophy at The University of Notre Dame Australia immensely rewarding. The program consists of eight postgraduate courses, where you can choose from subjects including Natural Law, Metaphysics, Moral Philosophy and Epistemology. In addition to a grounding in Western philosophical thought, you will develop the capacity to think critically and creatively at an advanced level - these are skills in great demand in the workplace. Start your learning journey today.

Why study this degree?

The University of Notre Dame Australia's Graduate Diploma of Philosophy has been designed to facilitate skills associated with studying philosophy and provide a firm foundation for independent research. With an array of choices on offer, you can tailor this degree in alignment with your needs and interests in the discipline of philosophy.

Over the course of your studies, you will explore the foundations of philosophy within the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, emphasising the need to consider arguments from every point of view. Guided through a combination of the best ideas and problems that philosophy offers and teaching methods that emphasise the unity of experience, reason, and reasonable discourse, you will practise what it means to lead an examined life.

It is widely accepted that studying philosophy promotes a high level of critical thinking. As a result, employers hold our graduates in high demand. Philosophy graduates have the knowledge and skills needed in careers that require rational, well-educated problem solvers. While many of our graduates will go on to teach, others might find themselves working in journalism, politics, medicine or private enterprise.

Program summary

Eight Philosophy Electives (to be chosen from)

- Aesthetics: Philosophy of Art
- Philosophy of Science
- Epistemology: Ways of Knowing
- History of Philosophy – AncientHistory of Philosophy –

Medieval

- History of Philosophy – Modern
- History of Philosophy – Contemporary
- Logical and Critical Thinking
- Metaphysics – Theories of Being and Existence
- Moral Philosophy/Ethics
- Natural Law
- Philosophy of the Human Person
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Love and Friendship
- Philosophy of Religion
- Political Philosophy

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More information regarding courses can be found at the course descriptions pages Fremantle (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/fremantle/course-descriptions>) Sydney (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-philosophy-and-theology/sydney/course-descriptions>).

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Requirements (https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/420/Certificate-and-Diploma-of-Philosophy.pdf).

Entry requirements

Academic requirements for this program are outlined on our [admission requirements](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/admission-requirements) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/admission-requirements>) page. All applicants need to satisfy minimum requirements, including those relating to age and [English Language Proficiency](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/admission-requirements/english-language-requirements) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/admission-requirements/english-language-requirements>).

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Philosophy:

1. Articulate an advanced body of knowledge, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in the discipline of philosophy as a basis for independent lifelong learning
2. Critically analyse, consolidate, and synthesise knowledge
3. Demonstrate advanced technical skills to a broad understanding of knowledge with depth in philosophy
4. Exercise critical thinking and judgement in identifying and solving problems with intellectual independence
5. Communicate and present a clear, coherent, and independent exposition of philosophical knowledge and concepts; and
5. Apply philosophical reflection, knowledge, and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed theoretical and practical judgement, and ethical responsibility.

Career opportunities

A Graduate Diploma of Philosophy will open up careers in teaching, working in journalism, politics, medicine or private enterprise.

Real-world experience

You will learn from our academics, who are leaders in their field. There are no practicum requirements for this program.

Fees and costs

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

Domestic Fee-Paying

A domestic fee-paying place is a place at university where the student is responsible for the full cost the program.

Eligible domestic fee-paying students may apply for the FEE-HELP loan scheme

(<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/108/a39069a0-c0d9-4ed5-ad8e-1df4d43a987a>)

which assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

International Full-Fee Paying

Tuition costs depend on an international student's study load and discipline. Fees are payable each semester at least four weeks prior to the commencement of your program.

For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our [Fees, costs and scholarships page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships>).

More information

Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a [personalised advice session](https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h) (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>). Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of study and completing our application process. **[Book my session. \(https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h\)](https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h)**

For more information, please contact our Prospective Students Office.

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All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on international@nd.edu.au (<mailto:international@nd.edu.au>).

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Need help? Ask Notre Dame

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Duration: 1 year full-time or equivalent part-time

Duration type: Full time; Part time

Campus: Fremantle; Sydney

Study mode: On campus

Commencement: Semester 1; Semester 2

Program code: 4146

CRICOS code: 089564F

Fee: Domestic Full Fees; International Full Fees

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