



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Program Code: 4185

CRICOS Code:

### Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy

GradCertHistPhil

Program Code: 4146

CRICOS Code: 089564F

### Graduate Diploma of Philosophy

GradDipPhil

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## 2 AMENDMENTS

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Amendments to these requirements will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	26/11/14	New program	Dean
2	1 January 2018	New course codes assigned	PVCA
3	November 2018	New Program Template	PVCA
4	January 2021	Program description added	PCAC EO
5	July 2022	New entry\exit pathway added	
6	January 2023	Amendments to Core Curriculum courses. Addition of CIS campus for Graduate Diploma of Philosophy.	NHOS

### 3 PURPOSE

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These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy and the Graduate Diploma of Philosophy.

### 4 OVERVIEW

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#### 4.1 Campus Availability:

The Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus and the Sydney Campus

The Graduate Diploma of Philosophy has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus, the Sydney Campus, and the Catholic Institute of Sydney (CIS) Sydney Campus.

#### 4.2 Student Availability:

The Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students with a student visa.

The Graduate Diploma of Philosophy is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students with a student visa.

#### 4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework: The Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy and the Graduate Diploma of Philosophy is accredited by the University as Level 8 AQF qualifications.

#### 4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy is half (0.5) a year of equivalent full-time study.

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Philosophy is one (1) year of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete this Program Part-time is available.

An accelerated option to complete the Program is not available.

#### 4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy Award is 2 years.

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Philosophy Award is 4 years.

#### 4.6 Study Mode

The Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy is offered in Internal and External Study modes.

The Graduate Diploma of Philosophy is offered in Internal Study mode.

#### 4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

## 5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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### 5.1 University Admission Requirements:

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's *Policy: Admissions*.

### 5.2 Specific Program Requirement for Admission:

There are no further requirements for admission to this Program.

## 6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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Practicum or internship requirements are not applicable to this Program.

## 7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### 7.1 Program Description:

#### **Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy:**

The Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy is intended to provide students with the opportunity to engage with the broad range of philosophical thought, arguments, and ideas as they have been formed and debated within a community of those who love wisdom over a period of more than two thousand years. This degree will take you from the beginnings of Western thought in Ancient philosophy, all the way through the medieval and modern periods, so that you can then grapple with contemporary philosophical issues. Graduates of this program will have acquired knowledge of the history of philosophy, skills in argument, critical and conceptual analysis, and will have formed the capacity to engage in philosophical reflection.

#### **Graduate Diploma of Philosophy:**

This postgraduate course will serve three purposes. First, it will serve as an exit award for the Master of Arts: Philosophy. Second, it will serve as a professional development course for teaching philosophy and ethics units in the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Most WACE teachers of these units don't currently have a philosophy qualification. Third, people with degrees in theology or other disciplines can take this course to give them an equivalent of a major in philosophy.

### 7.2 Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in History 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
6. Apply philosophical reflection, knowledge, and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed theoretical and practical judgement, and ethical responsibility.

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Philosophy students should be able to achieve the following learning outcomes:

1. Demonstrate acquisition of a body of knowledge that includes understanding of recent developments in philosophy
2. Demonstrate knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to philosophy
3. Apply philosophical skills to demonstrate mastery of theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and scholarship
4. Demonstrate philosophical, technical, and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts, and theories and to apply established theories to different bodies of knowledge
5. Demonstrate philosophical, technical, and creative skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts at an abstract level
6. Apply technical and communication skills to design, evaluate, and implement philosophical research that contributes to scholarship.

### **7.3 Philosophy Required Course:**

Students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy are required to complete 4 courses in the history of philosophy at the 6000 level (see Appendix A)

Students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Philosophy are required to complete one (1) Core Curriculum course in ethics or theology at the 6000 level (see Appendix B).

### **7.4 Philosophy Elective Courses:**

There are no elective courses in the Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy

Students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Philosophy are required to complete seven (7) elective courses. Elective courses can be selected from the list of courses in Appendix C.

### **7.5 Course substitutions:**

Course substitutions are permitted but must be approved by the Dean.

## **8 DEFINITIONS**

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For the purpose of these Requirements the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Pre-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective Co-requisite Course
- Specialisation
- General Elective

## 9 APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A: Graduate Certificate in History of Philosophy Program Scaffold

There is no specific Core Curriculum course for this program. The requirement is fulfilled in taking the PHIL courses.

This program scaffold is indicative only. Students should discuss enrolment with the Program Coordinator of the School before choosing courses.

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
PHIL6100	History of Philosophy: Ancient	25	PHIL6110	History of Philosophy: Medieval	25
<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1</b>		25	<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2</b>		25
			<b>Total Units of Credit Year One</b>		
			50		
YEAR TWO					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
PHIL6130	History of Philosophy: Modern	25	PHIL6140	History of Philosophy: Contemporary	25
<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1</b>		25	<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2</b>		25
			<b>Total Units of Credit Year Two</b>		
			50		

### APPENDIX B: Graduate Diploma of Philosophy Program Scaffold

This program scaffold is indicative only. Students should discuss enrolment with the Program Coordinator of the School before choosing courses.

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of credit
6000-level	Core Curriculum Course	25	6000-level	Philosophy elective 4	25
6000-level	Philosophy elective 1	25	6000-level	Philosophy elective 5	25
6000-level	Philosophy elective 2	25	6000-level	Philosophy elective 6	25
6000-level	Philosophy elective 3	25	6000-level	Philosophy elective 7	25
<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1</b>		100	<b>Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2</b>		100
			<b>Total Units of Credit Year One</b>		
			200		

## APPENDIX C: Philosophy Courses

Philosophy elective courses can be chosen from any of the following courses. Consult the School Home page for a list of courses offered in any given semester. There are no pre/co-requisites for postgraduate philosophy courses.

### **A - FOUNDATIONS OF PHILOSOPHY**

PHIL6000 Aquinas: Analytic and Phenomenological Approaches  
PHIL6300: Epistemology - Ways of Knowing  
PHIL6310: Cosmology and Philosophy of Science  
PHIL6510: Metaphysics: Theories of Being and Existence  
PHIL6002: Metaphysics, Being and God  
PHIL6070: Philosophy of Education  
PHTH6002: Reason and Revelation  
PHIL6001: Advanced and Non-Classical Logic  
PHIL6004: Faith and Reason

### **B - HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY**

PHIL6100: History of Philosophy: Ancient  
PHIL6110: History of Philosophy: Medieval  
PHIL6130: History of Philosophy: Modern  
PHIL6140: History of Philosophy: Contemporary

### **C – MORAL PHILOSOPHY**

PHIL6010: Business Ethics  
PHIL6050: Moral Philosophy  
PHTH6000: Bioethics  
PHIL6020: Ethical Issues in Professional Life  
PHIL6051: Aesthetics: The Philosophy of Art  
PHIL6080: Natural Law  
PHIL6410: Political Philosophy  
PHIL6003: Virtue Ethics and Personalism

### **D – PHILOSOPHY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

PHIL6150: Philosophy of Love and Friendship  
PHIL6210: Philosophy of the Human Person  
PHIL6520: Philosophy of Religion

### **COURSES OFFERED TO BE TAKEN WITH DEAN'S PERMISSION**

PHTH6016: Athens and Rome: Cradle of Western Civilisation