Assessment report: MA and PhD in Philosophy

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**Alignment**

According to the Mission Statement, the University of Oregon Vision is as follows:

We aspire to be a preeminent and innovative public research university encompassing the humanities and arts, the natural and social sciences, and the professions. We seek to enrich the human condition through collaboration, teaching, mentoring, scholarship, experiential learning, creative inquiry, scientific discovery, outreach, and public service.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The Department of Philosophy’s graduate program realizes the university-wide vision via innovative, nationally recognized research in the humanities, pursed through graduate level coursework, collaboration, scholarship, teaching, and public service.

**Learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

* Represent the pluralistic orientation of philosophy including the four major traditions of inquiry: Continental European, American, Feminist, and Analytic
* Delineate the history of Western philosophy, including the main eras: Ancient, Modern, 19th C., 20th and 21st C.
* Develop expertise in any combination of the sub-disciplines within the field of philosophy, such as ethics, data ethics, bioethics, metaphysics, epistemology, aesthetics, philosophy of language, philosophy of race, decolonial philosophy, social and political philosophy, critical theory, philosophical psychology, environmental philosophy, and others
* Deepen an understanding of the three disciplinary fields: Society and Value; Knowledge, Rationality and Inquiry; Metaphysics
* Develop familiarity with non-western and non-hegemonic philosophies, such as Native American and Latin American Philosophy, and Philosophy of Race
* Develop proficiency in a second language relevant to their area of research
* Develop proficiency in logic
* Deepen the knowledge of main topics in the history of philosophy by producing an independent research paper (PhD students)
* Specialize in specific philosophical areas at an advanced research level by researching relevant primary and secondary literature, designing, and writing a doctoral dissertation or a master’s thesis

1. <https://www.uoregon.edu/our-mission>, accessed Nov. 26, 2018. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)