ADMISSIONS

The Department of Philosophy Graduate Program welcomes applications from talented domestic and international applicants of all identities and backgrounds.

Our admissions process is competitive. Please read all of the information below prior to planning your application. If you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact us!

THINKING OF APPLYING?

Please start by reading about our Graduate Program, and exploring our department website. This should help you decide whether our program might be a good fit for you.

Next, read all of the information here and on the linked pages below in order to determine how much time you will need to prepare your application documents and obtain outside materials like letters of recommendation and official test scores.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for applying is January 2. Newly admitted cohorts begin in the Autumn of the year of admission.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

All applicants must meet the admissions requirements of both the Graduate School and the Department to be considered.

GRADUATE SCHOOL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The Graduate School requires that all applicants to graduate degree programs meet minimum requirements in:

- Degree
- GPA
- English Proficiency - the Graduate School's Memo 8: Graduate School English Language Proficiency Requirements describes the different ways to meet this minimum requirement (see Department of Philosophy Criteria for additional language requirements)

For details on these requirements see Understanding the Application Process. International applicants should also carefully review International Applicant Information.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY CRITERIA

English Proficiency – additional requirements

- If using TOEFL iBT to demonstrate English language proficiency, an applicant must present a total score equal to or more than the Graduate School's Recommended Score (rather than just the minimum score) to be considered for admission in philosophy.
- Applicants must meet the spoken English language proficiency requirement described in Memo 15: Conditions of Appointment for TAs who are not Native Speakers of English at the time of application.

The Department of Philosophy considers all of the following factors holistically in the review of applications:

- Philosophical potential displayed in the articulation and breadth of the writing sample
- Letters of recommendation
Information conveyed in the applicant’s Statement of Purpose

Previous academic record (philosophy coursework in particular) – We do not strictly require that applicants have a previous degree in philosophy; however, applicants must have some record of academic training in philosophy in order for the application to be evaluated (many of our admitted students did have a previous B.A. and/or M.A. in philosophy)

GRE scores – We consider GRE scores holistically alongside other more qualitative measures of excellence in philosophy; therefore, there is no set score requirement

Review the Philosophy Graduate Program Application Instructions for details on how to prepare and submit these application materials.

FINANCING YOUR GRADUATE EDUCATION

Offers of departmental funding packages are included in offers of admission. For detailed information on department funding packages and other types of funding opportunities, please see Graduate Funding.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Ready to apply? All graduate applications at the University of Washington are submitted online through the Graduate School. Please note: The UW Graduate School online application is not associated with Interfolio.

1. Go to Application for Graduate Study at the University of Washington. Create an applicant profile and start a new application. You can save your application progress and return at any time to continue working.
2. Prepare application materials, request letters of recommendation, and order official test scores per the Application Instructions.
3. Submit your application and pay the application fee before the deadline.
4. Log back in to monitor the progress of your application.

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE

The admissions committee begins reviewing all applications shortly after the January deadline. Admissions decisions are made in mid-March. Notification begins in late March.