

**Cover Sheet**

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Institution: Indiana University

Campus: Indianapolis

School or College: Liberal Arts

Department: Philosophy

Location: On Campus

County: Marion

Type: Degree Program

Degree/Certificate name: Five-Year BA/MA - Philosophy

Graduate/Undergraduate: Both

Degree Code: BA & MA

Brief Description: See attachment

Reason for new degree: See attachment

CIP Code: 38.0101

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## **FIVE-YEAR BA/MA - Philosophy**

### **Overview and Rationale**

There has been an impressive and welcome growth in the number of five-year BA/MA degrees offered by US universities, including IUPUI. The IUPUI Department of Philosophy would like to contribute to this worthwhile trend by creating a five-year BA/MA designed to help launch some of our most skilled undergraduates into graduate study. Our proposal makes use of existing courses and faculty, and is based on a set of requirements in the first three years of study that will prepare students to do more advanced work in upper-division undergraduate and graduate courses during their final two years at IUPUI. Many of our graduate courses are already offered in a combined graduate-undergraduate format, making the streamlining of these two degree tracks quite feasible for us. In addition to its feasibility, this proposal has several other things going for it. First, it would provide students with advanced training that would better prepare them for PhD work. Second, it would give students additional direction and motivation during their undergraduate years, and help the department identify and more closely mentor academically gifted students. Third, it would reduce the time needed by students to complete an MA. Fourth, it would offer students who might not have considered graduate school the option of experiencing graduate study. Fifth, it would help recruit students to our MA program, and thus increase enrolments in our graduate courses.

Available to philosophy majors only, this program allows students to complete a BA and MA in five years instead of six, with three years of undergraduate coursework, a fourth year of combined undergraduate and graduate coursework, and a final year devoted exclusively to graduate work. The program is open to students who have:

- Achieved junior status.
- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.3 or better, and a GPA in their major of 3.5 or better.
- Completed at least 60 of their undergraduate credit hours and at least 15 of their Philosophy credit hours at IUPUI.
- Completed the 9 hours of introductory-level required undergraduate courses for Philosophy.

Interested students may declare their interest in the program to the Director of Graduate Studies in Philosophy as soon as they start at IUPUI, in which case particular efforts will be made to advise them in their choice of courses during their first three years.

### **Admissions**

Eligible and interested students must apply for admission to the BA/MA program no later than March 1st of their junior year, submitting a personal statement of goals, abilities, and reasons for pursuing the MA degree; a sample of academic writing (a term paper from a Philosophy course is preferred); and three letters of recommendation, of which at least two must be written by full-time members of the Philosophy faculty. Applications will be reviewed by the departmental graduate admissions committee.

- During their senior year, students whose eligibility has been confirmed must:
- Take the GRE.
- Complete and pass four Philosophy courses offered as combined undergraduate/graduate courses (e.g., PHIL-P560/P385: Metaphysics), having registered and completed the requirements for the graduate course number, with a grade of at least a 'B.' These may then be double-counted towards the MA degree.

Upon meeting these requirements, and upon completing all the requirements for their BA, students on the philosophy BA/MA track must apply for formal admission to the philosophy MA program no later than March 1st of their senior year. The establishment of eligibility for, and participation in, the BA/MA program does not automatically guarantee acceptance into the graduate program. BA/MA students admitted to the

MA will take their remaining 18 credits of graduate courses in their fifth year. (Our MA students take a minimum of 30 credits of graduate courses. For our complete MA program requirements see <[http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/philosophy/index.php/programs/ma\\_curriculum](http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/philosophy/index.php/programs/ma_curriculum)>.) The double-counting of 12 hours of undergraduate and graduate credit means that BA/MA students will only be required to take a total of 138 credit hours of coursework for their BA and their MA, rather than 150 (120 + 30).

When taking graduate courses in their junior or senior years, students will be charged undergraduate tuition rates. After earning the BA degree, students formally admitted to the MA program will be charged graduate tuition rates for their coursework.

## **Sample Schedule**

### Freshman Year

P110 – Introduction to Philosophy

P120 – Ethics

### Sophomore Year

P162 – Logic

P371 – Philosophy of Religion

P322 – Philosophy of Human Nature

### Junior Year

P348 – Philosophy and Literature

P368 – Philosophy of Language

### Senior Year

P540/P326 – Ethical Theory

P522/P418 – Great Debates in Early Modern Philosophy

P560/P385 – Metaphysics

P553/P331 – Philosophy of Science

### Graduate Year

Fall:

P515 – Medieval Philosophy

P525 – Topics in the History of Philosophy

P558 – Classical American Philosophy

Spring:

P514 – Pragmatism

P561 – Philosophy of Mind

P542 – Ethics and Values of Philanthropy