

PHILOSOPHY

Departmental Facilities

The Department of Philosophy has, in John Watson Hall, a seminar room and a lounge in which faculty and students can get together for informal discussion over coffee. Philosophy holdings in the Stauffer Library are excellent with respect to both books and periodicals.

A student-faculty ratio of approximately 2 to 1 provides not only for small formal seminars but encourages informal contact between students and faculty. The Department also maintains a weekly Colloquium in which graduate students, faculty, and visiting scholars present papers for discussion.

Financial Assistance

The Department provides remuneration to selected students in the form of Queen's Graduate Awards and teaching assistantships.

Concentration and Research

The Department offers concentrations in most major areas of philosophy. More details on this and other matters may be found in the *Handbook for Graduate Students in Philosophy*, issued annually by the Department.

Admission requirements, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Applicants for the Ph.D. degree are accepted under the general regulations of the School of Graduate Studies provided that they also meet departmental admission requirements. Normally, an applicant with less than a first-class standing in a Master's program in philosophy (80 percent average) is not accepted for admission.

Admission requirements, Master of Arts (M.A.)

Applicants for the degree of Master of Arts are accepted under the general regulations of the School of Graduate Studies provided that they also satisfy the admission standards of the Department. Those whose average grade in philosophy is lower than A-minus (80 percent) have little chance of admission.

For those entering the program with an Honours B.A. in Philosophy (or equivalent) the Master's program normally requires one calendar year (three terms) of full-time study. A student whose preparation in philosophy is inadequate for acceptance into the regular one-year program may be

accepted as a preparatory student if any previous work in philosophy is deemed sufficiently good.

Note: No student admitted to a Master of Arts program in philosophy should assume any commitment on the part of the Department of Philosophy to acceptance into its doctoral program.

Faculty

Head

Kumar, R.

Coordinator of Graduate Studies

Krishnamurthy, M.

Professor

Bakhurst, D.J.^{1,5}, Fairfield, P., Guenther, L.², Kumar, R., Kymlicka, W.³, Lehoux, D.², Miller, J., Mozersky, J., Schüklenk, U.⁴, Sismondo, S., Smith, M. (Mick)², Sypnowich, C.A.²

Associate Professor

Gordon-Solmon, K., Mercier, A., Paul, E., Krishnamurthy, M.,

Assistant Professor

Manning, D., Ruwe, D., Stinson, C.²

Professor Emeritus

Bickenbach, J.E., Fell, A.P., Laycock, H., Leighton, S.R., Macleod, A.M., Overall, C.D., Prado, C.G.

Adjunct Faculty Professor

Davies, J.M., Salay, N., Smith, M. (Mark)

Cross-Appointed

Cline, C., Farrelly, C., Green, L., Lister, A., Moore, M. Murty, R., Pratt, M., Thomas, J., Webber, G.

¹ Charlton Professor

² Queen's National Scholar

³ Canada Research Chair

⁴ Ontario Research Chair

⁵ George Whalley Distinguished Professor

Programs

- Philosophy - Doctor of Philosophy (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/graduate-studies/programs-study/philosophy/philosophy-phd/>)
- Philosophy - Master of Arts (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/graduate-studies/programs-study/philosophy/philosophy-ma/>)



The graduate courses offered, and the content of those courses, vary from year to year according to interests of members of the Department and students. A list of the expected offerings and detailed course descriptions is available at the department website at [https://www.queensu.ca/philosophy/graduate/graduate courses](https://www.queensu.ca/philosophy/graduate/graduate%20courses/) (<https://www.queensu.ca/philosophy/graduate/graduate-courses/>)

PHIL 802 Moral Philosophy I

This course focuses on an examination of major issues in moral philosophy. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Winter.

PHIL 803 Moral Philosophy II

This course focuses on an examination of issues and trends in moral philosophy. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 805 Social and Political Philosophy I

An in-depth exploration of topics across the spectrum of social and political issues. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Winter.

PHIL 806 Social and Political Philosophy II

An in-depth exploration of topics across the spectrum of social and political issues. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Fall.

PHIL 807 Social and Political Philosophy III

An in-depth exploration of topics across the spectrum of social and political issues. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 808 Philosophy of Law

Winter.

PHIL 809 Colloquium in Political, Legal and Moral Philosophy

A colloquium course focused on exploring new work in political, legal, and moral philosophy. Fall.

PHIL 810 Topics in the History of Philosophy

An in depth of examination of a central figure or topic in the history of Philosophy. Particular topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 812 Philosophy of Culture

This course takes an interdisciplinary approach to examining philosophy as it exists with culture. Winter.

PHIL 820 Ethical Issues I

This course is focused on discussing questions of ethics from a philosophical lens. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Fall.

PHIL 821 Ethical Issues II

This course is focused on discussing questions of ethics from a philosophical lens. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 831 Ancient Philosophy I

This course is focused on exploring philosophical figures and topics in the Ancient World. Particular topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Fall.

PHIL 832 Ancient Philosophy II

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 835 Modern Philosophy

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 836 19th Century Philosophy

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 839 20th Century Philosophy I

An exploration of topics and figures in philosophy focused on the 20th century. Winter.

PHIL 840 20th Century Philosophy II

An exploration of topics and figures in philosophy focused on the 20th century. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 841 20th Century Philosophy III

An exploration of topics and figures in philosophy focused on the 20th century. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 842 Creativity

This seminar will be concerned with questions such as these: What is creativity? Is there a general structure to the creative process? In what sense, if any, does creativity involve freedom? Could a computer program be creative? What role, if any, does creativity play in living well, or in moral thought or action? Is there any truth to the popular idea that mental illness is linked to creative genius? Can creativity be measured? Can it be explained? Can it be learned? Can it be taught? Readings will be drawn from philosophy as well as cognitive science. Not offered 2025-26.

EXCLUSION: PHIL 442

PHIL 844 Philosophy in the Community

A unique experiential course involving a volunteer internship in such fields as rehabilitation healthcare, local government, prisoners' advocacy, LGBTQ cultural activities, immigrant support, animal rescue, or speech therapy. The course also involves class meetings, regular reports, and a final research essay. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 845 Major Figures I

An in depth of examination of a central figure in the history of Philosophy. Particular topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Fall.

PHIL 846 Major Figures II

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 847 Major Figures III

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 850 Epistemology I

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 851 Epistemology II

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 852 Metaphysics I

An exploration of topics and questions in metaphysics. Particular topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 854 Feminist Philosophy

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 859 Philosophy of Language I

An investigation of the philosophy of language. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 860 Philosophy of Language II

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 863 Metaphysics II

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 864 Philosophy of Mind

Winter.

PHIL 866 Philosophy of Art

An exploration of the philosophy of art and aesthetics. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 867 Hermeneutics

Winter.

PHIL 870 Philosophy of Science

An in depth exploration of issues in the philosophy of science and technology. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Winter.

PHIL 871 Philosophy of Medicine

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 873 Philosophical Logic

An examination of issues within the philosophy of logic. Particular topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 893 Ethics and the Environment

An exploration of philosophical issues and questions concerning the environment. Specific topic in any year will be determined by the instructor. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 897 Ethics and Animals

Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 898 Master's Research Project

PHIL 899 Master's Thesis Research

PHIL 989 Clinical Practicum in Biomedical Ethics

An in-depth study of clinical ethics and bioethics applied to healthcare setting. Not offered 2025-26.

PHIL 990 Philosophical Methods

Fall.

PHIL 991-995 Special Directed Studies

PHIL 999 Ph.D. Thesis Research