Ph.D Course Requirements

- 90 hrs.  ≥ B grade
- ≥ 54 hrs. (18 courses) in the UNL Department of Philosophy
- ≤ 24 hrs. electives

Courses outside of the UNL Department of Philosophy require permission of the Philosophy Graduate Committee to satisfy requirements.

Distribution Requirements (8 courses):  ≥ B+ grade

800-level Core Course Requirements (5 courses):
- Each of the following:
  - PHIL 823 Ethics
  - PHIL 811 Formal Logic (or PHIL 812 Modal Logic, not currently offered)
    - PHIL 811 is offered once every 3 years. So, take ASAP.
    - If lacking in background in logic, audit PHIL 211 ASAP.

One of the following history courses:
- PHIL 850 Ancient
- PHIL 860 Early Modern
- PHIL 871 Kant

Any 2 of the following “M&E” courses:
- 805 Language
- 809 Knowledge
- 814 Mind
- 817 Science
- 818 Metaphysics

900-level Seminar Requirements (3 courses):
- One in each of the following areas:
  - M&E
  - Value Theory
  - History

Other Ph.D. Requirements

- 12-55 dissertation hrs. (PHIL 999)
- Oral Defense of Advancement Paper
- Dissertation
- Oral Defense of Dissertation
**Recommended timeline for Ph. D.**

1\(^{st}\) year:
- Take 6 courses.
- Meet at least 2 Core (800-level) requirements.

2\(^{nd}\) year:
- Take 6 courses.
- Complete all Core (800-level) requirements.

3\(^{rd}\) year:
- Take 6 courses.
- Complete all Seminar (900-level) requirements.
- Form Supervisory Committee.
- Submit Supervisory Committee and Program of Studies forms in 6\(^{th}\) semester.
  - See [http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/current/degrees/doctoral](http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/current/degrees/doctoral) for more info.

4\(^{th}\) year:
- Enroll in dissertation hrs. (PHIL 999).
- Submit and orally defend your Advancement Paper in 7\(^{th}\) semester, or sooner.
- Complete a substantial portion of your dissertation.

5\(^{th}\) year:
- Enroll in dissertation hrs. (PHIL 999).
- Complete writing and orally defend your dissertation.

**M.A. Course Requirements** (most common option III)

36 hrs. ≥ B grade
18 hrs. graduate-only courses (exclusively-800 or 900).

**Distribution Requirements:** 3 800-level core courses (9 hrs.)

Any two of the following:
- PHIL 805 Language
- PHIL 809 Knowledge
- PHIL 811 Formal Logic
- PHIL 812 Modal Logic (not currently offered)
- PHIL 814 Mind
- PHIL 817 Science
- PHIL 818 Metaphysics
- PHIL 820 Social Science
- PHIL 823 Ethics

Any one of the following:
- PHIL 850 Ancient
- PHIL 860 Early Modern
- PHIL 871 Kant

**Other M.A. Requirements**
- Oral examination regarding coursework and/or future research.