



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHILOSOPHY

The Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy program affords the serious students of philosophy with excellent opportunities to wrestle with the crucial issues and develop a specialized focus, whether it be in the context of tradition or in relation to recent trends in world philosophy. Eclectic and creative, the program provides a diverse curriculum of course offerings covering a plethora of concerns. From Analytic Philosophy to Existentialism and Phenomenology, from Philosophy of Science to Philosophy of Religion and Political Philosophy, from Asian and Comparative Philosophy to the newly emerging Filipino philosophy, the PhD program has something to satisfy individual predilections.

The program offers the deserving students an Asian and cross-cultural comparative orientation in keeping up with emerging trends in world philosophy. A relative newcomer to the field, cross-cultural East-West, comparative philosophy is only now becoming self-conscious about its role and function in the larger arena of philosophy and comparative studies. At De La Salle one finds the kind of philosophical milieu needed whereby today's new scholars can become instrumental in helping define a specialization which is only beginning to unfold in influence around the world.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Basic Courses	15 units
Elective Courses	21 units
Cognate and Language Requirements	12 units
Dissertation	12 units
Total	60 units

BASIC COURSES

Philosophical Research (PHL525P)

3 units

Learning methods and techniques in doing philosophical research. This is to enable the researcher come to grips with various philosophical thoughts via these methods and techniques.

Philosophy of Education (PHL633P)

3 units

A survey on the various theories of education and their implications to human life for a better appreciation of life in a globalizing world.

Filipino Philosophy (PHL617P)

3 units

An in-depth study on Filipino ways of thinking, feeling, and acting for a better appreciation of Filipino values and culture.

MAJOR COURSES

Analytic/Pragmatic Philosophy (PHL603P/PHL638P)

3 units

A survey on various analytic as well as pragmatic philosophers and their impact to contemporary thinking.

Continental Philosophy (PHL612P)

3 units

Readings and a deeper understanding of the traditions espoused by continental philosophers and their impact to world-views

Eastern Philosophy

3 units

A survey on the various eastern traditions and their impact to eastern people's ways of thinking, feeling, and acting.

Asian Philosophy (PHL604P)

3 units

A survey and in-depth study on Asian mind for a better appreciation of the contributions of Asians to the international community.

Chinese Philosophy (PHL607P)

3 units

A survey and an in-depth study of the main philosophical ideas and systems of Chinese traditions for a better appreciation of the Chinese values and culture.



Islamic Philosophy (PHL624P)

3 units

A survey and an in-depth study of the philosophy of Avicenna and other Islamic philosophers and their contributions to Western traditions.

Japanese Philosophy (PHL625P)

3 units

A survey and an in-depth study of the various Japanese traditions for a better appreciation of Japanese values and culture.

Taoism (PHL646P)

3 units

A survey and an in-depth study of the main philosophical ideas and systems of Taoism for its greater appreciation.

Philosophy of Science (PHL636P)

3 units

Readings and analysis of the various theories of science for its greater appreciation in the world of philosophy.

Philosophy of Language (PHL637P)

3 units

A critical analysis of the various tenets of language and its implications to the crafting of the human mind.

Post-Modern Philosophy (PHL627P)

3 units

An intensive study of the philosophy of Lyotard and post-modernism.

Phenomenology (PHL628P)

3 units

An intensive study of the philosophy of Edmund Husserl for a better appreciation of its application to other disciplines.

Existentialism (PHL615P)

3 units

Readings and analysis of the writings of Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Sane, Marcel, and Jaspers for a better appreciation of the truth of human existence.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Comparative East-West Philosophy (PHL609P)

3 units

A comparative and dialogical analysis of Eastern and Western philosophical currents.

Contemporary Philosophy (PHL611P)

3 units

A thorough survey of the major trends of twentieth-century philosophy. The intention is to keep students updated on the most recent developments in philosophy and the methodology of their own field.

Third World Philosophy (PHL647P)

3 units

A survey of philosophical writings from the Third World such as those of Fanon, Freire, Che Guevarra et al.

Women Philosophers (PHL649P)

3 units

A study of the philosophies of women thinkers such as Beauvoir, Mothersill, Simone Weil, Julia Kristeve, Rosa Luxemburg, Suzanne Langer, Hannah Arendt, Frances Yates, Ayn Rand, et al.

Advanced Epistemology (PHL606P)

3 units

A critical in-depth discussion of the most significant theories of knowledge, including both the continental, pragmatic, and analytic traditions.



Advanced Metaphysics (PHL601P)

3 units

A rigorous and formal analysis of the basic assumptions of classical metaphysics and their expressions in the history of philosophy, as well as their consequences on modern science and philosophy.

Aesthetics (PHL602P)

3 units

A course on theories of beauty and the creative process, and the philosophy of art.

Alfred North Whitehead (PHL650P)

3 units

A thorough analysis of his philosophy of education and metaphysics.

Aristotle (PHL651P)

3 units

An analytical and in-depth study of the philosophical works of this Stagirite.

Ayn Rand (PHL652P)

3 units

A comprehensive study of her objectivist philosophy.

Bertrand Russell (PHL653P)

3 units

A critical study of the atomistic philosophy of Bertrand Russell, his philosophy of education, and his ethics.

Bioethics (PHL605P)

3 units

An examination of the major ethical issues of health, life and death raised by recent biomedical transplant, in vitro fertilization, human experimentation, sperm and zygotic banking, and health care, among others.

Buddhism (PHL606P)

3 units

A thorough study of the origin, basic teachings, and various branches of Buddhism.

Charles Peirce (PHL654P)

3 units

An in-depth study of his pragmatic philosophy.

Christian Existentialism (PHL608P)

3 units

Focuses on the problem of how a philosophy of existence does not need to be atheistic. Starting with the metaphysical and epistemological basis of existentialism, the course hopes to provide a profound exposition of the likes of Soren Kierkegaard, Martin Buber, Gabriel Marcel, Karl Jaspers et al.

Comparative Thanatology (PHL610P)

3 units

A cross-cultural comparison of ideas and experiences of death.

Confucius (PHL655P)

3 units

An analytical study of the Confucian Analects and the Six Classics.

Cross-cultural Esotericism (PHL 613P)

3 units

A critical survey of the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner, Krishnamurti, the theosophists, Tibetan philosophy, and other thinkers from East and West who manifest an understanding of the other realm of spiritual beings.

Edmund Husserl (PHL656P)

3 units

A critical study of his major works in phenomenology.



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Emmanuel Levinas (PHL657P)

3 units

An in-depth study of his major works.

Existential Phenomenology (PHL616P)

3 units

An advanced combined course on existentialism and phenomenology.

Freedom and Determinism (PHL618P)

3 units

An in-depth study of the basic issues in freedom and determinism.

Friedrich Nietzsche (PHL658P)

3 units

A critical study of the major works of the pioneer of existentialism as well as post-modernist thought.

Gabriel Marcel (PHL659P)

3 units

An intensive analysis of Marcel's philosophy of existence and his major works.

George Santayana (PHL660P)

3 units

A thorough study of Santayana's major concern, the Life of Reason in its diverse spheres of operation: in common sense, in society, in art, in religion, and in science. Emphasis will be placed not only on his basic analysis of the origin of materialism, humanism, and naturalism, but also on his analysis of the origin and nature of "essences," among others.

Hermeneutics (PHL619P)

3 units

An in-depth study of hermeneutics as culled from the writings of Gadamer, Ricouer, Derrida et al.

Immanuel Kant (PHL663P)

3 units

A thorough study of Kant's major works, particularly the Critique of Pure Reason, the Critique of Practical Reason, and the Critique of Judgment.

Indian Philosophy (PHL623P)

3 units

An in-depth study of Indian thought contained in the Vedas, Upanishads, Ramayana and Mahabharata, and Buddhist writings.

Jacques Derrida (PHL664P)

3 units

A thorough study of his major works.

Jacques Maritain (PHL665P)

3 units

An in-depth study of his major works on neo-Thomist philosophy.

Jean-Paul Sartre (PHL666P)

3 units

A study of the philosophy of Sartre, especially his book Being and Nothingness.

John Austin (PHL667P)

3 units

A thorough study of his philosophy of language and epistemology, particularly his 'How to do things with words' and 'Sense and Sensibilia'.

John D. Caputo (PHL668P)

3 units

A critical in-depth study of his radical hermeneutics.



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John Dewey (PHL669P)

3 units

A critical study of the instrumentalist philosophy of this great contemporary philosopher, his logic and theory of inquiry, and his philosophy of education.

John Searle (PHL640P)

3 units

A critical study of his philosophy of language.

Jurgen Habermas (PHL671P)

3 units

A thorough study of his major works.

Karl Jaspers (PHL672P)

3 units

A thorough and careful analysis and interpretation of the major works of this foremost German existentialist.

Karl Marx (PHL673P)

3 units

A critical and thorough reading of the masterpiece of this most controversial modern philosopher, viz., Das Kapital, among others works.

Ludwig Wittgenstein (PHL674P)

3 units

An in-depth study of the early and later Wittgenstein.

Martin Buber (PHL675P)

3 units

An in-depth study of his works.

Max Scheler (PHL677P)

3 units

An in-depth study of his major works.

Metaethics (PHL626P)

3 units

A study of ultimate reality; includes discussion of space, causality, universals, mind and body, and other relevant topics.

Peter F. Strawson (PHL679P)

3 units

A critical study of his major works such as Individuals and Introduction to Logical Theory.

Paul Ricoeur (PHL678P)

3 units

A critical study of his major works.

Philosophy of Economics (PHL632P)

3 units

A critical study of economic thinkers such as Adam Smith, David Ricardo, Malthus, Keynes, Friedman, and others.

Philosophy of History (PHL634P)

3 units

A study of philosophies of history by ancient Greeks and Romans, Augustine, Vico, Voltaire, Bossuet, Nietzsche, Dilthey, Hegel, Marx, Schleiermacher, von Herder, Croce, Collingwood, Popper, Spengler, et al. Open to students of History.

Plato (PHL681P)

3 units

A thorough study of the major dialogues of Plato, especially 'The Republic'.



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Political Philosophy (PHL701P)

3 units

A course in selected political theories from ancient to contemporary times. Open to students of Political Science.

Process Philosophy (PHL639P)

3 units

A study of the philosophies of Heraclitus, Whitehead, Hick, and Hartshorne, among others.

Richard Rorty (PHL682P)

3 units

A critical study of his works.

Seminar (PHL640P)

3 units

An open three-unit course on any philosophical topic not listed in the course descriptive titles. This course can be taken many times for as long as the philosophical topics vary.

Semiotics (PHL641P)

3 units

A comprehensive and critical study of the philosophy of signs.

Social Philosophy (PHL642P)

3 units

A critical philosophical study of social reality from past to present, especially in post-modernist thought.

Structuralism and Post-structuralism (PHL643P)

3 units

A study of the methods of structuralism and post-structuralism. This will explore the ideas of Claude Levi-Strauss, Noam Chomsky, Jacques Lacan, Roland Barthes, Louis Althusser, Michel Foucault, Jacques Derrida, and others.

William James (PHL684P)

3 units

An in-depth study of James' major concern: the expansion and refinement of C. S. Peirce's innovative ideas on cognitive meaning which evolves into the methodology of pragmatism; special attention will likewise be given to James' contribution to the field of psychology.

W. V. Quine (PHL685P)

3 units

A critical study of the works of W. V. Quine and their consequences on contemporary philosophy.

DISSERTATION

Dissertation 1 (PHL951P)

6 units

Dissertation 2 (PHL952P)

6 units