



Program faculty are committed to mentoring the next generation of philosophers, and we take pride in a diverse, vibrant and productive intellectual community.

## COURSEWORK

The PhD Program requires 48 hours of coursework. Students who hold an MA in Philosophy may transfer in 9 credits. Students who pursue the interdisciplinary Philosophy & Theology and Religious Studies Fellowship must complete 54 hours of coursework (45 in Philosophy, 9 in Theology and Religious Studies).

The Department typically offers 12 doctoral seminars per year. Courses range over major figures and problems or topics, and pursue issues in metaphysics, epistemology, social and political philosophy, ethics and aesthetics. Students are required to take at least one course each in ancient, medieval, modern and contemporary philosophy and are free to choose the rest according to their interests. Students must finish all coursework by the end of the seventh semester in the program.

## COURSEWORK (CONSORTIUM)

The Department participates in the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, and students may take two courses through the Consortium at the University of Pennsylvania and/or Temple University.

## LANGUAGE

All students must demonstrate competence in a natural language other than English relevant to their research. The University offers free intensive reading courses in a number of European languages each summer. PhD students may also enroll in undergraduate language courses during the regular academic year. We are also able to assist students who wish to study non-European languages (e.g., Sanskrit).

## FINANCING

The Philosophy PhD Program provides admitted students with six years of fellowship support and tuition remission. In addition, Villanova subsidizes the cost of the University-affiliated health insurance package for students who establish need. Beyond year six, students may work as adjunct faculty.

PhD students are eligible for conference travel support each year (\$1,000 for North American conferences, \$1,200 for international conferences). The Office of Graduate Studies awards summer research fellowships (\$4,500) and grants to support attendance at workshops and summer schools on a competitive basis. PhD students may apply for other University-sponsored summer grants. Students at the dissertation stage have access to departmental professional development funds.

# Graduate Studies

