

**The F.S.U. History and Philosophy of Science (H.P.S.) track to entry into the
F.S.U. Philosophy Ph.D. Program**

(**Please note** that H.P.S. students seeking entry to the Ph.D. program in philosophy at F.S.U. should follow the standard application procedure; their applications will be considered along with the rest of the applicant pool.)

Students who enter the F.S.U. philosophy Ph.D. program without a philosophy M.A. are ordinarily first required to pursue the latter degree. However, students accepted into the philosophy Ph.D. program who have been awarded an M.A. in H.P.S. from F.S.U. can gain exemption from the requirement that they must first have an M.A. in philosophy before embarking on the Ph.D.

To gain this exemption they must meet the following requirements while pursuing their M.A. in H.P.S.:

- A.** Maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, with no outstanding incompletes at the time of receiving their M.A. in H.P.S.
- B.** Pass Modern Logic I (PHI 5135) with a grade of “B-” or better. (PHI 3130 or an equivalent course in symbolic logic is a prerequisite.) Students may retake the course only once (under tutorial PHI 5998). Failure to achieve a “B-” on the second attempt constitutes grounds for denial of the philosophy M.A. exemption.
- C.** Pass the two philosophy core courses
 - I. PHI 5665, Core Course in Ethics
 - II. PHI 5555, Core Course in Metaphysics & Epistemologywith a grade of “B” or better. Students may retake either of these courses only once (under tutorial PHI 5998). Failure to achieve a “B” in either course on the second attempt constitutes grounds for denial of the philosophy M.A. exemption.
- D.** Pass at least one seminar in contemporary metaphysics/philosophy of mind/epistemology.
- E.** Write a thesis to meet part of their H.P.S. M.A. requirement, and make this thesis available to the F.S.U. philosophy Ph.D. program admissions committee for their approval as satisfying the philosophy M.A. exemption requirement. **Or** take an M.A. examination in H.P.S. under a committee that includes two members of the F.S.U. philosophy department who approve the performance on the examination as satisfying the philosophy M.A. exemption requirement.

Students entering the F.S.U. philosophy Ph.D. program with an M.A. in H.P.S. from F.S.U. are exempted from the breadth (but take note of D above) and history requirements (3.2 D&E in the F.S.U. philosophy program graduate handbook).