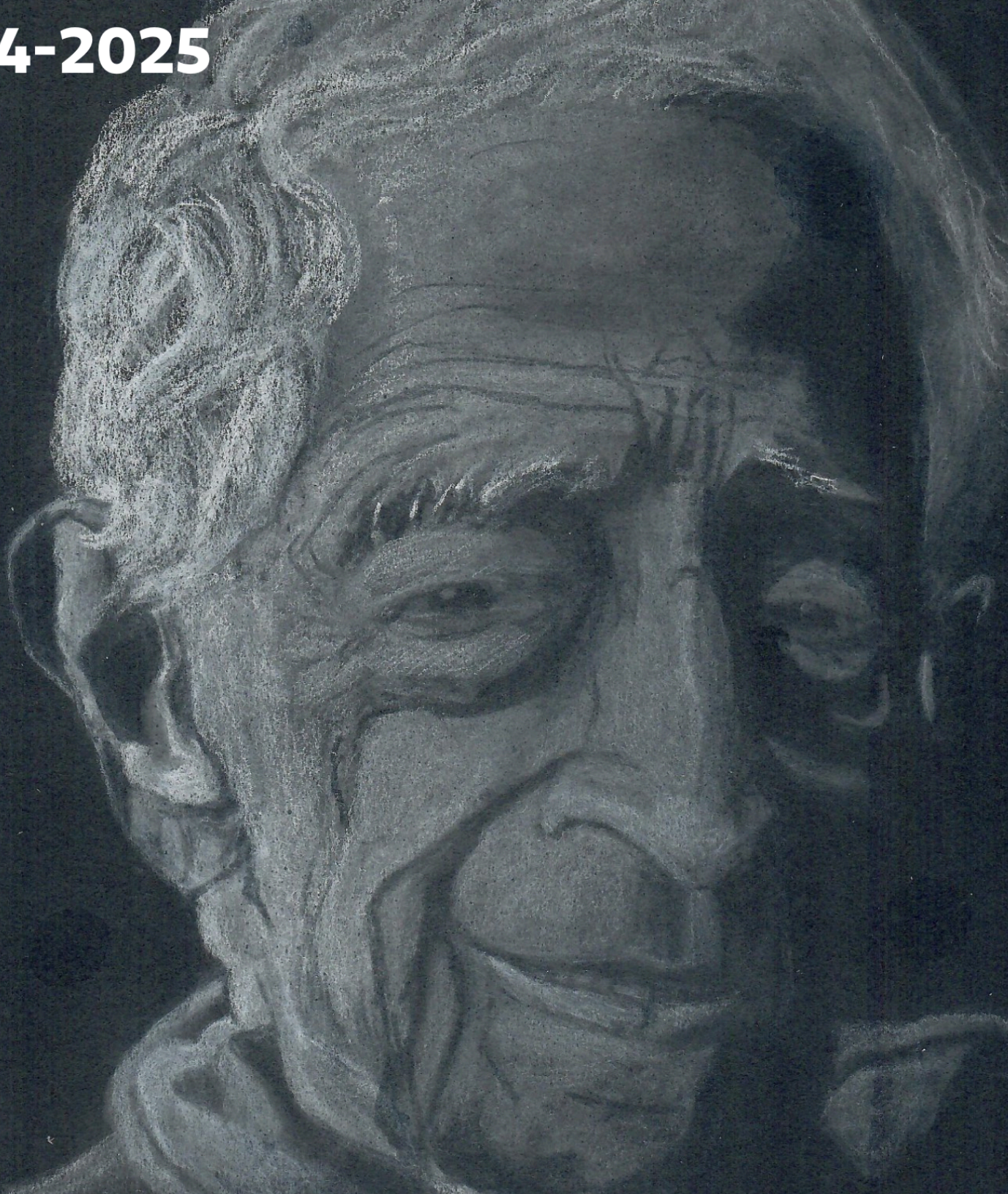


**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
STUDENT HANDBOOK
2024-2025**



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Introduction

Purpose of Student Handbook

This *Student Handbook* is a general reference to graduate study in the Philosophy program. It includes information on academic programs, program requirements and other matters related to your academic progress. It is designed to help you navigate many of the curricular aspects of your graduate study in this department and the NSSR. This *Handbook* supplements the [Academic Catalog](#), which is the official source of information about the rules, regulations, and requirements of the University, and the NSSR.

The information published here represents the plans of the NSSR as of **(October 17, 2024)**. The division reserves the right to change any matter contained in this publication, including but not limited to policies, degree programs, names of programs, course offerings, academic activities, academic requirements, faculty and administrators. Students are required to follow the requirements of their catalog year.

For further assistance, refer to the designated departmental contacts below.

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Academic Advising & Other Department Information

The Student Advisor

The Student Advisors (SA) for the 2024-25 academic year are Bryan Doniger (MA students) and Nik Goldenthal (PhD students). The SAs are a point of contact between the students, faculty, and administration. Their primary duty is to guide students through various bureaucratic procedures, e.g., registration, exams, graduation, etc. The SAs are a source of information and administrative guidance. If you have any questions about academic policies, departmental or administrative procedures, degree requirements, etc., it is the SAs' job to answer them. You should also contact the SAs if you run into any problems that prevent you from fulfilling academic requirements.

Faculty Advising

All incoming students are assigned to a Faculty Advisor, who should be consulted about academic plans, course selection, and related issues at least once a semester. It is strongly advised that early on in their graduate studies students should attempt to get to know the different members of the faculty during their respective office hours and at various departmental events, in order to establish a productive working relationship. In order to change faculty advisors, students should fill out the [Philosophy Department General Petition](#). Students should not go to faculty advisors regarding bureaucratic issues, degree requirements, etc. These types of questions should be directed to the SAs.

Email

The SAs cannot use personal email accounts as a means of contact. **Students must use their New School email account for all school-related matters.** Important information such as announcements of exam results, grant and adjunct teaching opportunities, petition deadlines, registration, office hours, course offerings, seminar reservation procedures, and all departmental activities are sent to students through their New School email account. If you are not receiving regular announcements from the SAs via your email account, then it is possible that your email address is not on the department list. In this case, notify the SAs immediately.

Degree Programs

There are five sets of requirements for the four types of degree standing granted by the department:

1. the **Continuing MA** (for students continuing toward the PhD degree)
2. the **Terminal MA**
3. the **MA with a Concentration in Psychoanalytic Studies** (which may be either a terminal or continuing MA)
4. the **PhD**
5. the **MPhil**

For a breakdown of the five sets of degree requirements, see Appendix below

Continuing MA

Time Limits

Unless an extension is granted by the Department of Philosophy and the Office of Academic Affairs, all work for an MA degree must be completed within 5 years (10 semesters). This semester total does not include leaves of absence.

Course Requirements

The quantitative requirement for the MA is 30 credits: at least 24 credits must be philosophy courses or courses approved for philosophy credit, while 6 credits, which are not approved by the Chair for philosophy credit, may be taken in another graduate department as elective credits. Furthermore, the following distribution requirements must be met:

1. Two seminars in Philosophy
2. Four courses from different areas:
 - One course in Ancient or Medieval Philosophy
 - One course in Analytic Philosophy
 - One course in Modern or Continental Philosophy
 - One course in Philosophy of Race or Feminist Philosophy
3. An overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of B (3.0) must be maintained.

Students should consult the SA if there is any question as to whether a particular course will satisfy a particular distribution area. During registration the SA will make available a list containing the distribution areas that each semester's courses satisfy.

Seminars

Seminars are distinct from lectures in that there is typically an enrollment ceiling of 15 and students are expected to give a presentation in class. Registration for these courses is conditioned upon reserving a spot in the desired course(s). Reservations may be made on a first come, first serve basis as per the instructions provided in a registration related email sent

by the SAs prior to the start of each registration period. Please follow these instructions carefully as seminars often fill up within minutes of the beginning of the reservation period. For the best chance to reserve a spot for a desired seminar, students should respond immediately after receiving the SAs' announcement that reservations are being accepted. Reservations are made via Google form distributed to students by the SAs along with instructions for how to properly request a reservation.

Independent Studies

Students wishing to take an independent study must first secure a faculty supervisor. Students should submit a short description of the aims and purposes of the independent study and a tentative reading list to the faculty supervisor for approval. Once the faculty member approves of the request, students should complete an [independent study petition](#) and forward the faculty supervisor's approval to the SA. Students are allowed to take up to two independent studies as an MA student and a further two as a PhD student.

Logic Requirement

There are three ways to satisfy the logic requirement:

1. Take and pass the logic course for credit
2. Pass the logic exam
3. Receive an exemption based on prior coursework

If you choose to **take the course for credit**, you have the further option of either taking the course for a grade or taking it pass/fail. To take the class pass/fail, you must notify the SAs, who will then submit the proper forms to the Registrar after you register for the course. Requests to take the course pass/fail should be made prior to the end of the add/drop period. There is also an incomplete policy which the student can request from the instructor either at least two weeks prior to the final exam or by a date stipulated by the instructor.

If you choose to **take the logic exam**, you must petition to do so at the beginning of the semester. Students who choose to take the exam may want to attend the course as either an official or unofficial auditor. Although auditing or sitting in is not required, it is recommended as the exam is traditionally the final exam for the logic course. Though the logic course is offered once a year, the exam is offered both semesters. Depending upon the instructor, study materials may be available for those who wish to take the fall exam (see the SAs).

If you **believe that prior coursework in logic may exempt you from this requirement**, you should email a copy of the previous syllabus and any additional supporting information to the PhD and Exams Student Advisor at PhiPhDAdv@newschool.edu to request exemption. Students whose previous coursework in logic took place prior to Fall 2015 may also need to provide a transcript from the university where they did their logic coursework.

Language Requirement

Successful completion of a translation examination in one of the following languages is required: Ancient Greek, Latin, French, Spanish, German, or Italian. Students may also petition the Chair to take an examination covering a different language if it is of relevance to their philosophical

work. The date of the language exam will be announced by the PhD and Exams Student Advisor early in the semester, and students wishing to attempt a translation examination must petition to do so. The examination consists of a philosophical text to be translated into English within three hours; the use of a dictionary, a grammar book, and a verb book is permitted. Students may retake the language exam without penalty.

Matriculated NSSR students are entitled to a tuition-waiver for language courses offered by the Schools for Public Engagement. See the NSSR Office of Academic Affairs during registration. Students are advised to obtain information early on during the registration period for language classes.

Reading groups are also a good way to prepare for the language exam. The department usually offers reading groups in Greek, French, Spanish, and German; students must enroll in these reading groups during registration and will receive a grade of pass/fail for their participation in the group. It is not necessary, however, for a student to attempt a language examination as a consequence of enrollment.

MA Examinations

The MA examinations refer to the Oral Exams and the Written Requirement. The written requirement may be satisfied by writing and defending a thesis or qualifying paper covering at least one of the below distribution areas.

The selection of questions for the oral examination must be from different distribution areas than those chosen for the written examination or thesis.

The distribution areas are:

1. Ancient & Medieval
2. Analytic
3. Modern or Continental
4. Philosophy of Race or Feminist Philosophy

The written exam consists of at least five questions in each of the five distribution areas. The student answers one question from each of the two areas in which they have chosen to be examined. The written exam is a take home exam. Additional information about scheduling of this exam will be provided by the PhD and Exams Student Advisor.

The oral exam follows the same format with one important distinction: the exam questions are made available well in advance of the dates scheduled for the oral exams. Students may choose oral exam questions from among the previous 3 semesters of written exams. Students may also choose oral exam questions from the current semester's written exam choices should one's oral exam be scheduled after the written exam is held. The purpose of the oral exam is to test students' oral skills and their ability to answer questions about their presentations before two members of the Department of Philosophy faculty. A student must not bring written answers to be read, but may bring one 3x5 inch index card if they wish to bring brief notes. These notes may consist of an outline of one's oral answer and/or relevant short quotations. Oral exam answers are strictly limited to no more than ten minutes per question. Each answer is followed by a period of question and answer with the examining faculty members lasting approximately

20 minutes. Students are encouraged to speak with the student advisors about strategies and best practices for preparing for exams.

Petition Deadlines & Other Exam Dates

To take a written or an oral exam, students must submit an exam petition, which will be made available by the PhD and Exams Student Advisor at the beginning of each semester. On the petition you must state which questions you plan on answering for your oral exam. The SA in charge of coordinating exams arranges the date of each student's oral exam.

The Department administers written exams twice per year. The exam will be distributed to students over email on a predetermined Friday morning by the Department Secretary, and will be returned to the same on the following Monday afternoon. The precise dates of the written examinations are available from the SAs and will be advertised in email correspondence at the beginning of each semester.

The results of the oral exams are given at the conclusion of the exam. For the written exams, the Secretary will send an email to all examinees announcing the results.

Evaluation

In order to maintain eligibility for a continuing MA degree, a student may neither fail nor receive more than one low pass among the four MA exam questions (oral and written). This rule also applies to candidates who have been admitted to the PhD program before completing the examination requirements for the MA. A student who receives more than one low pass may still be eligible for the Terminal MA degree.

Students who do not pass a written or oral examination, or who do not receive a sufficient number of high passes to maintain eligibility for continuing MA status, may re-take each exam once. Students who wish to retake the same questions must do so the following semester unless otherwise approved by the Chair. Students wishing to try different questions with their second exam attempt may do so in the following or any subsequent semester (keeping in mind the time limits for the degree).

Preparing

There are multiple ways to prepare for exams. All are recommended.

1. Old exam questions are available from the SAs for review.
2. Coursework should to some extent help prepare students for the exams. Students may therefore plan to take at least one course related to the area in which they have chosen to be examined. It is in the best interest of the student to anticipate well in advance the areas they will be examined in.
3. If a student knows others are being tested in the same areas, they may wish to form a study group.
4. Students are strongly encouraged to consult faculty about methods of preparing for the exam. (Note that faculty will not answer questions about exam content beforehand).

5. PhD students in the program who have already completed these exams are often willing to offer support by listening to practice exams.
6. Students may search the NSSR Course Catalog for past courses covering the subject of their chosen questions and request syllabi from the faculty. Note that not every exam question has a corresponding previous course.

Master's Thesis or Qualifying Paper

Students may choose to write a 50-75 page thesis or a 25-30 page qualifying paper (a paper that is written in the form of a professional article) instead of taking the MA written exam. The thesis or qualifying paper must also cover one of the five distribution areas, and its assessment includes an oral defense. Students planning to write an MA thesis or qualifying paper must first secure the permission of an approved thesis advisor and submit the Philosophy Department General Petition indicating this. The PhD and Exams Student Advisor will then confirm the participation of faculty members. Students should not begin writing a thesis without having secured the necessary approval of their thesis topic. It is the student's responsibility to secure approval of a topic from the thesis advisor and second reader, and notify the SAs in order to update their internal records. Students writing an MA thesis or qualifying paper should work closely with their advisors in planning and writing. Final drafts of a thesis or qualifying paper must be submitted to the thesis advisor and the second reader at least three weeks prior to the date scheduled for an oral defense. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the defense.

There are a lot of steps in this process, and it might be helpful just to add a note saying "Students are encouraged to reach out to the SA in charge of exam coordination once they know they will be defending their thesis or qualifying paper that term. It is recommended that defenses be scheduled as early as possible in order to accommodate faculty schedules. Once a date has been agreed upon, the SAs reserve a room and remind the committee a week in advance of the defense date. At the defense, students should make a short oral statement (no more than ten minutes) summarizing their thesis or qualifying paper. This statement cannot be read, but notes may be used. A question and answer period will follow. Students choosing to write an MA thesis or qualifying paper and who wish to continue towards the PhD must take the oral exam.

Graduation

See [here](#) for information on graduation.

Application to the PhD Program

The satisfaction of the continuing MA requirements stipulated above is not a guarantee of admission to the PhD program. Entrance into the PhD program is applied for separately. Note that admission to the PhD program is provisional pending the completion of the MA requirements and continued good standing.

Applications to the PhD program may be submitted by internal applicants to the Director of Admissions in the Department of Philosophy according to the application procedures stipulated by the SAs on December 15 of each year. Internal PhD application information will be disseminated by Academic Affairs.

In order for the student to be accepted into the PhD program, at least one member of the Department faculty must agree in principle to supervise the dissertation project as stated. If admitted to the PhD program, all continuing MA degree requirements must be completed before students will be allowed to register for more than 36 credits.

Transfer Students

Students who have completed previous graduate work (usually an MA in philosophy or its equivalent) should meet with the SAs, regardless of whether the student has been admitted into the MA or PhD program. The student and the SAs will review any past graduate work in an attempt to preliminarily determine from which requirements, if any, the student may be exempt. Final approval is at the discretion of the Chair. The evaluation of possible exemptions may have to await the completion of some coursework; that is, an appraisal of the student's work at The New School for Social Research may need to be done first before a decision regarding the preliminary determination by the SAs and the PhD Faculty Advisor.

In general, a PhD student may petition to transfer up to 30 credits from another university for the student's MA portion of coursework. PhD students that transfer 30 credits will not receive an MA at The New School for Social Research. Exemption from examinations in specific exam areas or from distribution requirements can be granted where the student demonstrates that they have done equivalent work elsewhere or in another form.

Please note that, though a student may be admitted to the PhD program, it may be necessary for certain MA examinations to be fulfilled at The New School for Social Research. Once all MA work is established or fulfilled, the student may then officially petition to change status to PHDS (if they are not already in the PhD program).

PhD students who have had previous graduate work yet who are receiving an MA degree at The New School for Social Research may transfer in up to 6 credits beyond the 3 transfer credits allowed toward the MA degree. See the attached appendix for specific policies regarding transfer of credit.

*The policies and procedures published in the [Catalog](#) are binding in case of unintended discrepancies between the [Catalog](#) and this handbook.

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Terminal MA

The requirements for the Terminal MA degree are the same as those set forth for the continuing MA with the provision that: 1) a low pass on both sections of the written exam, and 2) a low pass on both sections of the oral exam are sufficient. Students pursuing a Terminal MA must complete either the Written Requirement or Oral Examination, and receive, at least, a low pass.

It is not necessary that both of these requirements be completed by students pursuing a Terminal MA; only one is required, and the student may choose which one they take.

MA with a Concentration in Psychoanalytic Studies

This concentration provides Philosophy students with an opportunity to focus their coursework in the field of psychoanalytic studies. Although no additional application or paperwork is required, students must let their Student Advisor know if they intend to pursue the MA with a specialized minor in Psychoanalytic Studies. The core of the program consists of four courses and a thesis or qualifying paper in the area of psychoanalytic theory. As in the case of the Continuing and Terminal MA degrees in Philosophy, students in this MA concentration must complete 30 credits for graduation. Of these, 24 credits must be earned in Philosophy department courses, or courses determined by the Chair to count as Philosophy credit. A minimum of six of those credits must be earned in Philosophy seminars. In addition to satisfying all of the distribution requirements for the terminal MA, students pursuing the specialized minor must also take four courses in psychoanalytic theory. Students should consult the Student Advisors and Chair about what courses can count toward this requirement in a given semester. Courses that fulfill historical distribution requirements may also be counted toward the four courses required in psychoanalytic theory. Students must also fulfill the exam requirements expected of students pursuing the terminal or continuing MA degree.

The eligibility requirements for application to the PhD program are the same for students pursuing the specialized minor as other MA students. Namely, candidates must have completed at least 18 credits, taken their MA oral examination, and have no outstanding coursework, i.e., incompletes. In addition, it is necessary that students accepted into the PhD program must receive a high pass on the defense of their thesis or qualifying paper, and no more than one low pass on the MA oral examination in order to continue onto the PhD program. A low pass on the MA thesis or qualifying paper in psychoanalytic theory, however, is sufficient for the Terminal MA with a concentration in psychoanalysis.

The PhD

Time Limit

Unless an extension is granted by the Department of Philosophy and the Office of Academic Affairs, all work for the PhD must be completed in 10 years (20 semesters) including the time, if any, that was spent at The New School for Social Research earning an MA. The semester total, however, does not include leaves of absence. For PhD students who fail to continue on toward the PhD or to receive an extension after the 10 year time to degree mark, there is the option to petition for the Masters in Philosophy degree (MPhil). The MPhil is described below (and in the [Catalog](#)) and may be conferred upon a registered student who has fulfilled all requirements for the PhD but who has not successfully defended a dissertation.

Course Requirements

These requirements are pre-candidacy requirements, and incorporate the requirements of the MA, whether completed at the New School or their transfer equivalent. The student's degree status upon admission to the program is PHDS ('S' for study) until all but the dissertation is completed. The PhD student must successfully complete graduate courses and seminars equaling at least 48 credits. The 30 credits received for the MA or transferred are considered part of the 48 credit total. Of the total 48 credits, at least 42 must be in philosophy courses (or in courses approved by the Chair for philosophy credit), and up to 6 elective credits that are not approved for philosophy credit may be taken in other departments (including those taken for the MA). Of the 42 philosophy credits, at least 15 must be in philosophy seminars (including the 6 earned at the MA level). A minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 must be maintained.

All PhD Students must fulfill the following distribution requirements (in addition to MA coursework or their transfer equivalent):

1. One course in Ancient or Medieval Philosophy
2. One course in Analytic Philosophy
3. One course in Modern or Continental Philosophy
4. One course in Philosophy of Race or Feminist Philosophy

Of the above four courses, one must fall under the category of historically-oriented philosophy, and one must fall under the category of problem-based philosophy. Three of them must be seminars.

Registration for coursework at the PhD level must be reviewed by the SA and approved by the PhD Faculty Advisor to ensure distribution requirements.

Prospectus Seminar

Students must take the year-long Dissertation Prospectus Seminar, taught every year by the current PhD Faculty Advisor, as a part of their PhD requirements. The aim of the Prospectus is to put students in a position to work on their dissertation in a productive and efficient manner by developing a provisional account of its central claims and argumentative structure. This is a

non-credit seminar and does not count towards the 5 seminars that must be taken as part of the PhD requirements. Students may only register for the Prospectus Seminar after they have attempted all of their PhD coursework. Exceptions may be made with the Prospectus instructor and Chair's approval. Note: students are required to register their Dissertation Supervisor with the SAs during the February that they take the Prospectus by using the Philosophy Department General Petition. Students wishing to retake the Prospectus Seminar, due to extensive revisions to their Dissertation project, must get special permission from the Department Chair.

Language Requirement

The PHDS student must demonstrate a reading knowledge of two foreign languages (this includes the language requirement for the MA). If for any reason the student has entered the PhD program without having taken a language exam, two such exams must be taken. Language exams consist of a translation of Greek, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or, by petition with the Chair, another language relevant to the student's philosophical work. The format of the exam is the same as that of the MA language exam (see above). Ideally, the PhD language requirements should be completed early in the program.

PhD Qualifying Papers

PhD students are required to write two qualifying papers that are evaluated as publishable journal articles by two members of the faculty. By "publishable journal articles" what is meant is that the pieces of work show all the skills of writing, argumentation, organization, and presentation that are found in high quality published articles in the field. The procedures for the qualifying papers are like those for the MA thesis or qualifying paper, except there is no final defense upon submission of the papers. There is one overall supervisor for both papers, ideally the person the student intends to supervise the dissertation, although this is not necessary. The two essays will be worked on with the guidance of the supervisor, who is further responsible for ensuring that the two essays maintain the principle of breadth of study, as well as articulating these standards to the student. The qualifying papers may grow out of essays submitted for coursework or from an MA thesis written here or elsewhere. The second reader for each paper may be different, and they are to be chosen by the student after consultation with the qualifying paper supervisor. Qualifying papers may be completed at any point during the degree.

Dissertation Area Exam

After the candidate has completed the prospectus seminar, the supervisor will work together with one other committee member to put together a list of key books on and directly adjacent to the proposed dissertation topic. At the end of an agreed upon period of study, the committee will generate a set of questions to be answered in a take-home exam over the course of a given weekend. The dissertation area exam should be thought of as comprising an organic part of the process of writing the dissertation, and is intended to help provide structure to the research process. Ordinarily the period of study will take place during the summer after the prospectus seminar, with the examination weekend occurring during the following fall semester. Students wishing to take the area exam on a different schedule should consult with the SAs and their supervisor. If the student does not pass the area exam, they may retake it with new questions. (It will be a new exam.)

Dissertation

The dissertation supervisor should advise the student on putting together a committee of readers. The committee should be matched with the philosophical interests that are most relevant to the student's area of research. Normally, committees include two full-time members of the Philosophy faculty with the possibility of an external member (someone outside NSSR but still in philosophy) subject to approval by the Chair. The participation of committee members varies: sometimes faculty members are very involved and other times (at minimum) they may only read the final draft of the dissertation and attend the defense. Since there are no set guidelines concerning the level of involvement the readers have in the student's research, the student should discuss this expectation with each committee member before asking them to serve on the committee. Students should fill out the Philosophy Department General Petition in order to record members of their committee.

Each candidate is responsible for obtaining from the Office of Academic Affairs information regarding the dissertation format, microfilming, copyrighting, and related regulations. The completed dissertation must be submitted to the NSSR Office of Academic Affairs, which has a University Reader evaluate the manuscript for style and format. The candidate must submit a completed dissertation judged by the dissertation committee to be an original contribution to thought and knowledge in philosophy. All dissertations must be of a total length no greater than 80,000 words, inclusive of all marginalia. This policy is applicable to all continuing and incoming doctoral students and candidates.

Defense of the Dissertation

The scheduling of the defense operates much like defending an MA thesis or qualifying paper: the supervisor must approve the defense and will contact the SAs to begin the scheduling process. Before a student defends, they should ensure that all course requirements, language requirements, and examinations have been completed and reported to the Registrar's Office. Additionally, students must submit a petition through the SAs to change status from PhDS (student) to PhDC (candidate). Students will not be allowed to defend their dissertation unless all requirements have been met.

PhD candidates are required to select a fourth member of their dissertation committee from outside their departments and discipline. This external member may come from NSSR, other divisions of The New School, the Inter-University Doctoral Consortium, another accredited U.S. university, or an international university, but must be from outside the field of Philosophy. For example, a professor from the NSSR in Liberal Studies or Politics, or in Sociology at Columbia, is fine for this role, but a philosophy professor at NYU would not be. Students will be encouraged to develop working relations with a faculty member outside of their department as they complete their course requirements and constitute their committee.

Students will be able to opt out of this requirement provided that when forming their committee, they receive written permission from their dissertation chair and the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Curriculum. Students who do not choose an external dissertation committee member will be assigned an NSSR "Dean's Representative," who will read their dissertation manuscript prior to the defense and take part in the dissertation final defense only. If a student chooses to

have a Dean's Representative selected for them, they must fill out the request form at least one month in advance of their defense, as it can take some time for Academic Affairs to secure a representative. More information is available [here](#).

Please note: the external member who is outside of the department and outside of philosophy as a whole is a requirement for all committees (unless an exemption is secured), while the external member who is within philosophy but from another institution is optional but encouraged.

When all of these steps have been completed, the defense date and time will be set up by the PhD and Exams Student Advisor in consultation with the student and their committee, including the external reader / Dean's Representative. At this time, the "Dissertation Acceptance Statement," prepared by the dissertation supervisor, must also be filed in that office.

The student must submit copies of the final draft to each reader (including the Dean's Representative or external reader) at least four weeks prior to the oral defense. Please note that failure to submit the final draft of the dissertation to the committee in a timely fashion may result in cancellation of the defense. The defense lasts up to 2 hours. Students should first give a presentation of their dissertation lasting no longer than 12 minutes. Notes can be brought to the defense, yet they cannot be read directly. It is absolutely necessary to follow the guidelines [online](#). Candidates who successfully pass their dissertation defense must, after making any necessary revisions, submit the final version of their dissertation (formatted according to the University Guidelines) to the Proquest archives and fill out the Survey of Earned Doctorates.

Granting the PhD Degree

Students will be contacted by the Registrar if it appears that they will be likely to graduate during a given semester. In order to graduate, students will need to log onto MyNewSchool and "Apply to Graduate," which can be done by clicking the link on the Graduation Portal. Degrees are conferred three times a year: December 31, May 31, and August 31.

The MPhil

The MPhil in Philosophy is a degree offered to students who have completed all requirements for the PhD, except the successful defense of a dissertation and prospectus seminar. To this end, all coursework needed to receive a PhD and distribution requirements must be fulfilled, in addition to all erstwhile PhD examinations. A minimum score of low pass is required on all PhD exams.

Appendix: Summary of Degree Requirements

Continuing MA Requirements		
Courses		Distribution
30 credits (10 courses); 2 courses <i>must</i> be seminars	Up to 6 credits (2 courses) taken as electives in other graduate departments	<i>Required:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Ancient & Medieval • One Analytic • One Modern or Continental • One Philosophy of Race or Feminist Philosophy Course
Exams		Areas
<i>Grade Pass/Fail. Only passes are reported, meaning students can take them as many times as needed.</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient & Medieval • Analytic • Modern or Continental • Philosophy of Race or Feminist Philosophy
Language (offered once a term) in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Greek • Latin • French • German • Spanish 	Logic	
Orals (2 questions in 2 exam areas)	Writtens or Thesis/Qualifying Paper (2 questions in areas not covered by orals)	A 3.0 GPA is required for satisfactory progress and conferral of degree. *Internal PhD Admission requires a 3.7 GPA and a minimum of 3 high passes and one low pass in exam areas.
<i>Graded Fail, Low Pass, or High Pass. Only one retake is allowed for each.</i>		

Terminal MA Requirements

Courses		Distribution
30 credits (10 courses); 2 courses <i>must</i> be seminars	Up to 6 credits (2 courses) taken as electives in other graduate departments	<i>Required:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ancient & Medieval ● Analytic ● Modern or Continental ● Philosophy of Race or Feminist Philosophy
Exams		Areas
<i>Grade Pass/Fail. Only passes are reported, meaning students can take them as many times as needed.</i>		
Language (offered once a term) in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ancient Greek ● Latin ● French ● German ● Spanish 	Logic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ancient & Medieval ● Analytic ● Modern or Continental ● Philosophy of Race or Feminist Philosophy
Orals (2 questions in 2 exam areas)	Writtens or Thesis/Qualifying Paper (2 questions in areas not covered by orals)	A 3.0 GPA is required for satisfactory progress and conferral of degree.
<i>Graded Fail, Low Pass, or High Pass. Only one retake is allowed for each.</i>		Terminal MA students must complete <i>either</i> the Orals <i>or</i> the Written/Thesis/QP. Conferral only requires a minimum of low passes.

MA w/ Concentration in Psychoanalysis Requirements

Courses		Distribution	
30 credits (10 courses); 2 courses <i>must</i> be seminars	Up to 6 credits (2 courses) taken as electives in other graduate departments	<i>Required:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4 courses in Psychoanalytic Theory ● 1 course in Ancient & Medieval ● 1 course in Analytic 	<i>Required::</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 course in Modern or Continental ● 1 course in Philosophy of Race or Feminist Philosophy
Exams		Areas	
<i>Grade Pass/Fail. Only passes are reported, meaning students can take them as many times as needed.</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ancient & Medieval ● Analytic ● Modern or Continental ● Philosophy of Race or Feminist Philosophy 	
Language (offered once a term) in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ancient Greek ● Latin ● French ● German ● Spanish 	Logic		
Orals (2 questions in 2 exam areas)	Thesis or Qualifying Paper (2 questions in areas not covered by orals)	A 3.0 GPA is required for satisfactory progress and conferral of degree. Interested students must <u>notify</u> the SAs about joining this track. Terminal MA students do not have to take orals. Continuing MA & those interested in continuing to the PhD <u>must</u> complete all requirements.	
<i>Graded Fail, Low Pass, or High Pass. Only one retake is allowed for each.</i> *The Thesis or QP must be defended with 2 high passes (unless the student is seeking a Terminal MA).			

PhD Requirements			
Courses		Distribution	
48 credits (16 courses); 5 courses <i>must</i> be seminars	Up to 6 credits (2 courses) taken as electives in other graduate departments *This includes courses taken during MA	<i>Required:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient & Medieval • Analytic 	<i>Required:::</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern or Continental • Philosophy of Race or Feminist Philosophy
One-year 0-credit Prospectus Seminar, which doesn't count towards seminar count and is taken the final year of coursework		A course in historically-oriented philosophy	A course in problem-based philosophy
Exams		Dissertation	
<i>All continuing MA Exams must be completed</i>		Dissertation Committee & PhD Exam form should be submitted to establish a committee and approve a dissertation topic (completed during the February during which a PhD student takes the Prospectus Seminar). *Write & Defend a dissertation	
2nd Language (offered once a term) in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Greek • Latin • French • German • Spanish 			
2 Qualifying Papers , topics to be approved by PhD faculty advisor	Dissertation Area Exam administered by Dissertation Supervisor & one other Committee Member and proctored by the PhD and Exams SA	A 3.0 GPA is required for satisfactory progress and conferral of degree. PhD Qualifying Papers and Dissertation Area Exam are graded: pass, pass with distinction, or fail	

MPhil Requirements

The requirements are the same as the PhD Requirements above with the following two exceptions:

- A minimum grade of low pass is required for all exams.
- The dissertation prospectus seminar, topic approval, and dissertation defense are not required.