2019-20 Philosophy PhD Annual Report
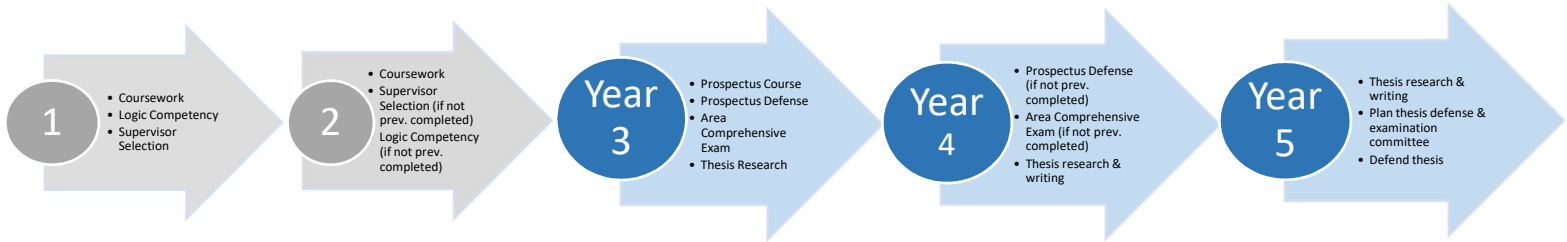
Direct Entry/5 Year Stream: Year Three to Five
Due May 15th

Name:	Program Start Date:
E-mail:	Student #:
Main area(s) of interest:	
Supervisor(s) & Supervisory Committee Members:	

1
- Coursework
- Logic Competency
- Supervisor Selection

2
- Coursework
- Supervisor Selection (if not prev. completed)
- Logic Competency (if not prev. completed)

Year 3
- Prospectus Course
- Prospectus Defense
- Area Comprehensive Exam
- Thesis Research

Year 4
- Prospectus Defense (if not prev. completed)
- Area Comprehensive Exam (if not prev. completed)
- Thesis research & writing

Year 5
- Thesis research & writing
- Plan thesis defense & examination committee
- Defend thesis

Prospectus Course Requirement

Students will take the Prospectus Course in the second term of their second year and are expected to complete and defend their dissertation prospectus before commencing their final year in the program.

The prospectus course, normally supervised by the department's placement officer, is offered in the Winter term in each academic year. It is graded on a pass/fail basis. It is expected that students will have met regularly with their supervisors prior to taking the course and will begin the course in a position where enough preliminary work has been done to allow the student to produce a first draft of a prospectus by a third of the way through the term.

☐ **Completed**	☐ **Not Completed** Outline plan for completion. ☐ Student requesting Graduate Chair support

Prospectus Submission & Defense Requirements

Students are required to develop a prospectus outlining their dissertation project, which they must successfully defend in an oral examination by their Thesis Advisory Committee.

Prospectus Format: The maximum length for a prospectus is 4500 words, including notes, but excluding the bibliography.

Prospectus Defense: The prospectus defense provides an opportunity for a draft of a thesis prospectus to be reviewed by several faculty members who are knowledgeable about the proposed area and topic of the student's thesis before the final version is approved and the student begins to write the dissertation. The intended thesis supervisor is responsible for assembling qualified faculty members, who will then ordinarily serve as readers on the student's Thesis Advisory Committee. The aim is to examine the prospectus, collectively and collegially, to identify omissions and weaknesses and to suggest ways in which content, method, and organization can be improved. The desired outcome is a prospectus that presents a clear, coherent, promising plan of research that can successfully guide a student through the process of writing a thesis.

☐ **Defense Completed** Date: Committee Members:	☐ **Defense Not Completed** Outline plan for completion and include defense date and committee members if set. ☐ Student requesting Graduate Chair support

Area Comprehensive Examination Requirement

DE students are expected to pass the comprehensive examination in their intended area of dissertation research by the end of their third year in the PhD program.

The comprehensive examination areas are: Feminist Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Logic and Foundations of Math, Moral, Political, and Legal Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind and Language, and Philosophy of Science.

☐ **Completed** Date: Area:	☐ **Not Completed** Area: Outline plan for completion. ☐ Student requesting Graduate Chair support

Thesis Requirement

The central research requirement of the PhD program in Philosophy is the dissertation. This work should exhibit significant scholarly research and originality, and must be submitted and examined in accordance with regulations set out by the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: see the SGPS Thesis Regulation Guide. In addition, the Department of Philosophy requires the following: that dissertations in Philosophy not exceed 250 pages in length and that students give a departmental talk on the subject of their thesis prior to their defense.

Outline progress within the past year and current plan for completion:

☐ Regular meetings with supervisor have occurred during this past year.
Describe meeting schedule/expectations and if regular meetings have not occurred, discuss:

☐ Student requesting Graduate Chair support

Supervisor Evaluation

Supervisor evaluation of progression to date and current plan for completion *completed in consultation with student. (Reference: Graduate Supervision Handbook)*

☐ Progress evident; student is on track
☐ Progress not evident, but anticipated (acceptable remedial plan in place)
☐ Progress not evident, not anticipated (revised program of study and remedial plan requested)

Comments:

Student to Attach:

☐ Current Curriculum Vitae

☐ Current Web Academic Record

Student Signature:	
Supervisor Signature:	

Graduate Program Coordinator Signature:	
Graduate Program Chair Signature:	
For Program Use *Follow-up from previous year:* *To follow-up on next year:* *Comments:*	