

# PHILOSOPHY, PHD

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	January 5
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English, or whose undergraduate instruction was not exclusively in English, must provide an English proficiency test score earned within two years of the anticipated term of enrollment. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

For admission to the PhD program with full graduate standing, an applicant must have completed the equivalent of a BA with a major in philosophy. Promising applicants who do not meet this requirement may be admitted with deficiencies provided that they have completed at least 12 credits in philosophy.

You must apply online by the fall deadline to be considered for admission.

The process begins with the application (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>) to the UW–Madison Graduate School.

Answer all required questions and be sure to submit the following:

1. Reasons for Study (also called Statement of Purpose)
2. Names of at least three professors and their email addresses for letters of recommendation
3. English language proficiency test scores if your native language is not English
4. Supplemental application (questionnaire about what philosophy courses you've already taken)

5. Writing sample (4,500–6,000 words recommended, which is 15–20 pages double-spaced, devoted to a philosophical subject)

If you have questions about the process of applying, contact the graduate coordinator, [uwmadisongradprogram@philosophy.wisc.edu](mailto:uwmadisongradprogram@philosophy.wisc.edu) or 608-263-5278.