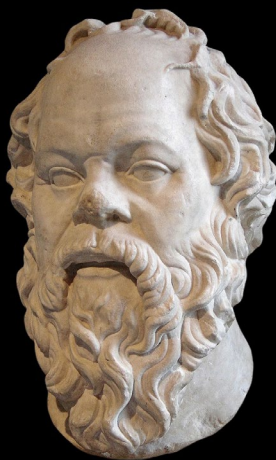


# Philosophy



## DESCRIPTION

This program seeks to train doctors of philosophy capable of joining academic institutions in any part of the world, by promoting internationalisation of the research undertaken by doctoral candidates. Applicants are required to take part in specialised seminars, outreach activities, and a research visit to another country.

The program allows for the awarding of joint degrees with prestigious universities from other countries, including the University of Leiden (Netherlands), the Free University of Amsterdam (Netherlands), the University of Nijmegen (Netherlands), Université Paris X Nanterre (France), the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, the FernUniversität in Hagen, and the Martin-Luther <sup>o</sup>Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Germany).

## OBJECTIVES OR LINES OF RESEARCH

- To train doctors in philosophy who can produce and communicate original, relevant scientific work in the field of philosophy, and are able to operate successfully in prestigious academic institutions.
- To disseminate research produced through the doctoral program and the Institute of Philosophy, and to promote international collaborative networks which contribute to the academic development of students, graduates, and professors.

The program specialises in modern and contemporary philosophy, and is structured around two principal lines of research:

- 1. Political thought:** This line studies fundamental issues of political thought, understood as a philosophical approach to problems that are constitutive to human societies and crucial for the understanding of contemporary world. These researches are developed in the framework of modern and contemporary philosophy and promote interdisciplinary approaches that include the relationship between philosophy and law, and philosophy and literature.
- 1. Contemporary theories of rationality:** This line studies fundamental issues of contemporary theoretical philosophy, with special emphasis on problems related to conceptions of rationality, its varieties, applications and uses. The main theoretical orientations covered within this line of research are Kantian and neo-Kantian philosophy, German idealism, theory of knowledge, phenomenology, hermeneutics, and studies on artificial intelligence.

# APPLICANT PROFILE

Applicants must hold a first degree and Masters degree, awarded by a national university or a university in another country. Exceptionally, applicants who hold only a first degree may be considered, in accordance with program regulations.

The admissions committee will evaluate applications according to the following schema:

**1.** Research proposal (proposal for dissertation).

Weighted at 50%. Points to be evaluated:

- Clarity, originality and relevance of the philosophical problem to be addressed; justification of the choice of problem from the point of view of current academic debates in the specific field or subfield of reference of the research.
- Fit between the candidate's research interest, the lines of research emphasized in the program, and faculty research expertise.
- Solid grounding of the working hypothesis, arguments and/or evidence, demonstrating that the approach proposed is original in its specific field or subfield.
- Coherence between the proposed methodology, the nature of the problem to be studied, and the hypothesis formulated.
- Candidate's knowledge of the field of study and relevant debates, as demonstrated in the bibliographic discussion.
- Structure and feasibility of the proposed program of work.

**2.** Academic competencies (weighted at 25%).

Points to be evaluated:

- Analytical capacity of the applicant. Rhetorical and argumentative skills in constructing an argument.
- Language competencies.

**3.** Previous trajectory of the applicant (weighted at 25%).

Points to be evaluated:

- Academic record. Prestige enjoyed by the universities attended in the areas in which the candidate was trained; candidate's academic results and ranking.
- The appropriateness, and the candidate's level of interest, in developing their research in the proposed line or area and in this particular doctoral program. To be evaluated principally from the CV and letter of application.

Candidates who successfully achieve the degree of Doctor in philosophy will be capable of producing original research that meets international standards of quality, and can be communicated in prestigious journals and other relevant media. Graduates will be well equipped to join the international scientific community in their specialist thematic area, on equal terms.

The markedly international character of the program, and the possibility of a joint degree award, will allow graduates to develop research networks that extend beyond the local and regional setting, at the same time as developing competencies that will allow them to participate successfully in prestigious academic institutions around the world.

# MALLA CURRICULAR

## CICLO LECTIVO INICIAL

I SEMESTRE

II SEMESTRE

III SEMESTRE

IV SEMESTRE

Seminario de  
Especialidad I  
(6 Créditos)

Seminario de  
Especialidad II  
(6 Créditos)

Seminario de  
Especialidad III  
(6 Créditos)

Examen de  
Calificación  
(6 Créditos)

Investigación I  
(20 Créditos)

Investigación II  
(20 Créditos)

Investigación III  
(17 Créditos)

Investigación IV  
(17 Créditos)

Taller de  
Proyecto de Tesis I  
(3 Créditos)

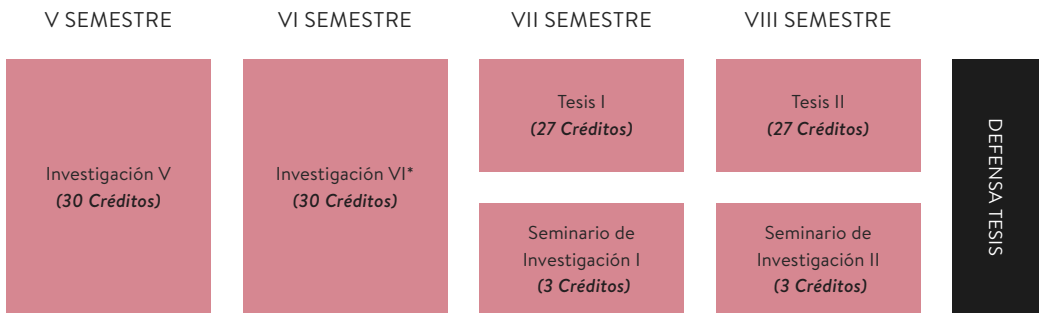
Taller de  
Proyecto de Tesis II  
(3 Créditos)

Coloquios  
(8 Créditos)

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DEFENSA DE CALIFICACION

## CICLO TERMINAL DE TESIS



To obtain the degree of PhD in Philosophy, candidates must:

- Achieve a pass in all curricular elements of the programme of study, including the dissertation qualifying exam;
- Carry out a research visit abroad for an academic period of six months;
- Have had an article accepted for publication in an indexed journal;
- Achieve a pass grade for their doctoral dissertation, and successfully defend the thesis.

All of these elements will be assessed on a pass/fail basis.

## FACULTY

### CORE FACULTY

BEATRIZ ARRIAGADA

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HUGO HERRERA

AÏCHA MESSINA

HERNÁN PRINGE

WOLFHART TOTSCHNIG

PABLO PULGAR

CELESTE VECINO

MANUEL TANGORRA

LUIS FELIPE ALARCÓN

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 1.** Curriculum vitae.
- 2.** Undergraduate and Masters degree certificates, or equivalent.
- 3.** Transcript of grades from undergraduate and Masters study.
- 4.** Certificate of ranking of undergraduate and Masters grades.
- 5.** A letter of application, setting out the applicant's motivation for applying to the program.
- 6.** Two letters of recommendation (references).
- 7.** A sample of written work, consisting of a text written by the applicant, which demonstrates their level of writing and their ability to carry out graduate work (it is recommended that applicants supply a previously written text, such as a published article or an essay prepared during a University course).
- 8.** A research proposal, which should contain: a) a research problem, b) a literature review c) a founded working hypothesis, d) a methodological proposal, and e) a workplan indicating a general outline for the development of the project over the four years of the program. The proposal must consist of a maximum of eight standard pages, presented in Times New Roman 12-point font, at 1.5 line spacing.

9. Certification of a level of oral and written competence in English (TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge Certificate or similar); or in another relevant foreign language (German, French, or Italian) suitable for use during the development and completion of the thesis, depending on the subject matter of the proposed research. The academic committee will determine whether or not this requirement has been satisfied. The program will consider admission of candidates who do not fulfil the minimum language competence requirements, on supply of a sworn statement by the applicant indicating measures to be taken to fill this gap.

Certificates of degree awards, grades and ranking must be originals or legalized copies. In the case of studies completed in any other country, certificates must be duly legalized according to current Chilean legislation.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,  
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