

Philosophy

MA

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Ryerson's Department of Philosophy is a rising centre of excellence in the North American philosophical community. This innovative and intensive program contributes to the thriving research culture in Canada's largest and most cosmopolitan city. Focused on core areas of philosophy, the program enables students to augment their undergraduate experience and pursue doctoral studies.

Research Areas

- 19th-Century Philosophy
- Aesthetics
- Ancient Philosophy
- Canadian Philosophy
- Contemporary Continental Philosophy
- Existentialism
- Metaphysics
- Moral Philosophy
- Phenomenology
- Philosophy of the Environment
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Law
- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Religion
- Social and Political Philosophy



Admissions Information

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- Completion of a 4-year bachelor's degree in philosophy or a related program
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) or equivalent of 3.33/4.33 (B+) in the last two years
- Two letters of academic recommendation
- 10- to 15-page writing sample
- Statement of interest
- Transcripts

Applicants may be required to provide certification of English language proficiency. For more information, visit ryerson.ca/graduate/futurestudents/admissions/english-language.html.

Benefits

- Experience with diverse philosophical approaches: faculty have a record of excellence in teaching and research in both the analytic and continental traditions of philosophy.
- Solid preparation for PhD study in philosophy: students have been accepted to PhD programs at Oxford, the University of Toronto, Western, McGill, Kings College (London), Duquesne, UCLA and other schools.
- Engagement with prominent figures in contemporary philosophy: each semester, the department hosts philosophers from across Canada, Britain and the United States, who lecture and engage with students in small seminars.
- Opportunities to develop teaching skills through a combination of classroom experiences, teaching and research assistantships.

At a Glance

17

number of full-time faculty

3:2

student to faculty ratio

10

average class size

\$17K

average funding over first three terms



“Ryerson’s professors and student community have fostered my growth as both a student and a professional. The summer area readings gave me the fulfilling opportunity to work closely with a professor in my area of research and served as the foundation for my MRP.”

– Dwayne Ford, MA student

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