

# MASTER OF ARTS IN PHILOSOPHY

## *The Fundamental Questions*

The Philosophy graduate program offers two concentrations: Bioethics and American Philosophy. The program is highly distinctive with respect to both its curriculum and its resources. The curriculum for each concentration reflects the unique faculty and resource profile at IUPUI and is further distinguished by a special focus.

The **bioethics concentration** seeks to integrate theory with practice to address an urgent need both in medical science and in the health care industry. IUPUI is home to one of the nation's largest health-profession complexes, with the nation's second largest medical school and its largest multi-purpose nursing school.

The **concentration in American philosophy** offers an approach to classical American philosophy and pragmatism that is conversant with mainstream analytic philosophy, and provides the most comprehensive program anywhere in the world for studying the work of Charles S. Peirce. IUPUI has become an important center for research in American thought, with the Institute for American Thought housing the Peirce Edition Project, Santayana Edition, Ray Bradbury Center, and Frederick Douglass Papers.

Both the IU Center for Bioethics and IUPUI's Institute for American Thought have extensive resources available to students and provide a variety of internship possibilities. Faculty related to the Center and the Institute teach core courses in the program's curriculum, as well as direct and serve on thesis and project committees.

Students in the bioethics concentration may also pursue combined-degrees with health law (J.D./M.A.) or medicine (M.D./M.A.). The Philosophy Department also offers 15 credit hour Graduate Certificates in both American philosophy and bioethics, as well as a Ph.D. minor. Further information on these options can be found at <http://www.iupui.edu/~philosop/graduate.htm>

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants are expected to have a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or its equivalent, with a grade point average of at least 3.0 overall (on a 4.0 scale) and at least 3.0 in the student's major.

There is no specific major requirement, but applicants must show a record of coursework (or equivalent experience) demonstrating that they are sufficiently prepared to do graduate work in philosophy.

For applicants interested in the bioethics track, professional training or experience involving health care ethics may be accepted in lieu of coursework.

Application materials should include: three letters of recommendation, a personal statement, official transcripts, GRE scores, TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers only), a writing sample (optional for the bioethics concentration), and a resume (if professionally employed).

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

First-year graduate students may be nominated for a limited number of University Fellowships. These competitive ten-month awards currently provide a stipend of \$12,000 and a small travel allowance, as well as a waiver of tuition and most fees. There is also the possibility of research assistantships in the Center for Bioethics and the Institute for American Thought. Long-term loans, Work-Study, and Federal aid are available through the Office of Financial Aid. <http://www.iupui.edu/~finaid/>

### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Students are required to take a minimum of 30 credit hours, of which at least 20 must be in philosophy. Students take core philosophy courses, concentration specific courses, and general electives. A 6 credit hour thesis or research project is optional but recommended for most students who want to pursue a doctorate degree.

The program is designed to accommodate the needs of both full- and part-time students.

### **RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS**

The University Library at IUPUI contains an extensive collection of books and professional journals in American philosophy and bioethics. Additional learning resources are available for bioethics at the University Medical Library, the Ruth Lilly Law Library, the medical library at Methodist Hospital and other hospital libraries, the Center for Bioethics library, and the Joseph and Matthew Payton Philanthropic Studies Library.

Students also have access to seminars, visiting lecturers, study groups, listserv discussion groups, and collaborative research opportunities facilitated by the Center for Bioethics and the IUPUI Consortium for Health Policy, Law, and Bioethics.

Extensive additional resources are available for students who opt for the concentration in American philosophy through the Max H. Fisch library at the Institute for American Thought, as well as the Lilly Library at IU-Bloomington, which is one of the world's premier rare book libraries.

### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Both concentrations are suitable for students who want to teach in a junior college or to pursue a Ph.D. The bioethics concentration is intended also for mid-career professionals and students in IUPUI's professional schools. An M.A. with a concentration in bioethics will be useful to those responsible for policy analysis and development, compliance, grant applications, applications for FDA approval, or teaching and education. The bioethics concentration will also be useful to professionals working in legislative or other policy positions.

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