



DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences
Bloomington

Ph.D. Distribution and Concentration Requirements Form

Name: _____ UID: _____

Distribution 1: _____

Course Number	Course Title (& description if applicable)	Instructor	Semester & Year	Grade Received

Distribution 2: _____

Course Number	Course Title (& description if applicable)	Instructor	Semester & Year	Grade Received

Concentration: _____

Course Number	Course Title (& description if applicable)	Instructor	Semester & Year	Grade Received

Approval by Director of Graduate Studies

Comments:

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Instructions for Distribution Requirements

Distribution requirements are needed in two of the three areas are defined below. Filling out the concentration requirement will take care of the third distribution requirement at the same time. For the purposes of satisfying these requirements, P590 courses and courses given in other departments must be approved by the DGS. A grade of 'B' or better is required to satisfy a distribution requirement.

Metaphysics & Epistemology and Logic (Four courses):

Metaphysics & Epistemology: Three graduate courses (excluding P590) drawn from three of these four different subareas of M&E,

(i) metaphysics, (ii) epistemology, (iii) philosophy of language, philosophy of logic, philosophy of mathematics, (iv) philosophy of mind and action

at least one of which must be on the list of courses automatically approved for credit in these areas

AND

Logic: One graduate logic course. The student must demonstrate a thorough understanding of first-order logic. Successful completion of P505 will be taken as demonstrating such understanding.

OR

Metaphysics & Epistemology: Two graduate courses (excluding P590) drawn from two of the four different subareas of M&E, *at least one* of which must be on the list of courses automatically approved for credit in these areas,

AND

Logic: Two graduate logic courses, in at least one of which a student demonstrates a thorough understanding of first-order logic (P505 satisfies this requirement).

History of Philosophy (Three courses):

- One course must be in pre-modern philosophy (i.e., before the 17th Century), one course in modern philosophy or a later period, and one more course in the history of philosophy, including any history course that spans more than one period, up to and including 20th century philosophy.
- A course in the history of ethics, aesthetics, logic, etc. may count toward this requirement provided this course is approved for History Area credit. P710 may count for any of the periods depending on its content, and approval of the DGS. Other courses may count as well if they are approved by the DGS.

Value Theory (Two courses):

- Two graduate level courses, at least one in ethics from P540, P541, or P740, and the other drawn from the list of automatically approved courses (see the Graduate Student Handbook).
- A student may petition the DGS to have other courses approved in place of these, but there is no presumption of approval.
- With approval of the DGS, two courses with the same number can count toward the Distribution Requirement provided the contents are sufficiently different.

Instructions for Concentration Requirement

A concentration requirement is needed in only one of the four areas are defined below (and should not be one of the two chosen for distributions above). Unless stated otherwise, courses that would satisfy the distribution requirements in an area will count toward the concentration requirement as well. A student must achieve an average of A- in the courses that count towards the concentration requirement.

Metaphysics & Epistemology (Four courses plus logic):

Four courses (plus logic) from at least three different sub-areas. At least two of the four courses must be on the list of automatically approved courses in the handbook. At most one P590 will count toward the M&E Concentration Requirement, with high standards (for M&E area centrality, rigor and breadth of reading, and written work). At most one course outside the philosophy department (including courses taken at an institution other than Indiana University) will count, with high standards (for clear philosophical content, M&E area centrality, rigor and breadth of reading, and written work). (The caliber of the department at another institution at which a course is taken will be an important consideration in granting petitions for approval of courses taken at other institutions.)

Logic (Four courses):

Students concentrating in this area are required to do the following:

- (i) Take at least four courses in logic/formal areas of philosophy. (Note: P505 will not count for the requirement.) These courses must be well distributed; students are advised to consult the DGS to ensure this.
- (ii) Show mastery of the material of P505/P506. This requirement will be satisfied if a student has taken courses equivalent to P505/P506 with a grade of A- or better.
- (iii) Take two graduate courses (excluding P590) drawn from two of the four different subareas of Metaphysics & Epistemology, *at least one* of which must be on the list of courses automatically approved for credit in these areas.

History of Philosophy (Four courses):

Students specializing in history must pass four regular history courses; one of these must be in pre-modern philosophy, one in modern philosophy (17th-18th century), and two more courses that may be in any historical period. In addition to the automatically approved courses listed in the handbook, P710 can count for any of the periods, depending on its content. Students must seek approval for P710 for the particular subareas it is to count towards from the DGS, and the DGS will decide (on consultation with relevant faculty and the student's advisor or mentor) whether the course counts for an historical period based on course content and the student's competence in the philosophy of the relevant period. Other courses may be counted depending on approval of the DGS.

Value Theory (Four courses):

At least one course should be P540, P541, or P740. At least one course should be in aesthetics, political philosophy, or philosophy of law. Students must take two or more courses in a single sub-area known as "the field of emphasis," and no more than one course in the field of emphasis may be taken outside the philosophy department. Students may petition to substitute a course not on the list of automatically approved courses in the handbook, but there is no presumption that any other courses will count.