

Assessment: Assessment Plan

Degree Program - AS - Philosophy (MA)

CIP Code: 38.0101.00

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Program Purpose Statement: Education in philosophy develops the ability to think critically, increases understanding of normative issues, provides a unique interdisciplinary perspective on the place of human beings in the universe, gives opportunities for critically examining methods of inquiry, yields a grasp of the development of human ideas in a crosscultural perspective, and increases one's ability to understand and communicate with others effectively. Philosophy majors may qualify for graduate work in philosophy in preparation for college or university teaching careers, but a major in philosophy is also recognized by many professional schools and employers as fine preparation because students of philosophy are able to think for themselves in a critical and objective manner.

Modality: Face-to-Face

Student Learning Outcome: Content Knowledge

A student with a MA degree in Philosophy from TTU should know the history of Western Philosophy, including key figures, movements, and theories.

Outcome Status: Active

Outcome Type: Student Learning

Start Date: 08/24/2015

Assessment Methods

Post-Evaluation - A rubric completed on the day that the student completes his or her MA defense, in which the committee evaluates the student's overall competence in several areas. (Active)

Criterion: 80% of graduates rated B or better on the relevant rubric assessment item.

Schedule: annual

Self-Assessments - Exit interview with the chair of the department (Active)

Criterion: 80% report confidence in their competence

Schedule: annual

Related Documents:

[MA rubric](#)

Student Learning Outcome: Program placement

Graduates are prepared to enter competitive PhD programs, or other academic or professional programs.

Outcome Status: Active

Start Date: 09/01/2009

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Field Placement/Internship - Surveys of graduates as collected by Institutional research. (Active)

Criterion: At least 75% of graduates who wish to will be admitted to graduate or professional programs.

Related Documents:

[Postgrad survey](#)

Survey - Alumni - Survey of alumni who have been out 5 years (Active)

Criterion: The average satisfaction score on the survey is between 4 and 5 (out of 5)

Schedule: annual

Student Learning Outcome: Communication

A student with a MA degree in Philosophy from TTU should be able to read, write, and orally communicate at a high level of sophistication.

Outcome Status: Active

Outcome Type: Student Learning

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