Reasons to Choose Our Program...

- Western Michigan University’s Philosophy (M.A.) program is one of the best terminal M.A. programs in the country, and has a long history of placement into top Ph.D. programs.

- Concentrations are offered in:
  - Theoretical and Practical Ethics
  - Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind
  - Epistemology and Philosophy of Science

- Individualized programs are designed to meet the student’s interests and needs, in terms of both developing breadth and depth within their philosophical studies. Some students have transitioned from our M.A. program to some of the best Ph.D. programs in the country, and gone on to successful careers teaching philosophy. Others have used our M.A. program to transition to law school or to other areas of advanced study.

- The department has generous funding and is able to provide both teaching and research assistantships to qualified students. These assistantships give students valuable experience and make them attractive to future employers or admissions committees.

- Our faculty works closely with its students, both in the classroom and to establish positive mentoring relationships. We take pride in developing personal relationships with our students.
Philosophy (M.A.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
Research in the department focuses on our three principal areas: epistemology and philosophy of science, metaphysics and philosophy of mind, and theoretical and practical ethics. Students gain exposure to all of these areas through access to world-class research faculty, and have other opportunities for interdisciplinary studies as well.

This program has produced a large number of graduates who have gone on to Ph.D. programs, academic positions, law school, and leadership positions in the community.

Admissions
In addition to satisfying the admission requirements of the Graduate College at Western Michigan University, applicants are expected to have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of undergraduate work in philosophy, including a course in the history of modern philosophy and a course in symbolic logic, and have achieved a 3.0 or above overall grade point average in the applicant’s undergraduate philosophy courses. GRE scores are required, and the annual application deadline is February 15.

Details concerning how to apply can be found here: wmich.edu/philosophy/academics/graduate/admission.

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
Nine to eleven graduate assistantships are available each year. Students who are awarded such assistantships in their first year and whose performance within the program and as a GA is satisfactory, very typically receive funding for their second (and last) year.

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Western Michigan University
One of the top-100 public universities in the United States, Western Michigan University offers many nationally known graduate programs, including 29 doctoral and 64 master's degrees. More than 20 percent of its 25,000 students are enrolled in graduate course work.

Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.