

Cornerstone Christian University
Maitland, FL
School of Creation Science and Christian Apologetics

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apply as credits**

Master of Arts in Christian Philosophy with a minor in Ethics (Ph.M. (Eth.M))

This Master program required: 48 credits, with a minimum of 24 credits in Philosophy, 24 credits in Ethics and thesis or project.

The Master of Arts in Christian Philosophy with a minor in Ethics can be completed in two-year term or less intended for regular students and professionals seeking an in-depth university Christian education in Ethics. Following the first year of studies, this degree with an optional minor in Ethics gives the students the possibility of pursuing their studies with an in-depth knowledge of ethical issues facing believers.

The general academic objective of the program is to provide a good level of knowledge of major current Christian philosophical movements, issues and philosophical systems, and to foster analytic skills for ethical problems through case studies. Particular attention is given to understanding the ways in which biblical ethics is applied to some specific disciplines and issues, including science, gender issues, philosophy of law, political philosophy and philosophy of economics.

This program will allow graduates to work as Christian ethics specialists in various fields, including government, business, defense, health and science. Professional candidates may have some courses credited depending on experience. The evaluation of the experience is done on a case-by-case basis by the Dean of the Faculty. The program may include practical internship in your current job if it is released.

During your studies, you will be encouraged to spot unfounded assumptions and build more logical arguments. This is the art of critical thinking. In order to build better arguments, it is important to think outside the box. Philosophy teaches you to open new possibilities, to make connections across a variety of perspectives.

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COURSE #	TITLE	COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
PHL504	Philosophical Research*	This course, Philosophical Research includes study of history of philosophy, study of different philosophers, and general development of philosophical thought. ... Analytical Philosophical Research: It includes analysis of concepts, theories, language etc. It also includes analyzing positivism, anti-positivism etc. (4 credits)

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PHL514	Applied Philosophy 1	This course is a practical application of methods and teaching of philosophy to such major areas of human experience as religion, science, morality, politics, art, or literature. The study of one or more of these areas will demonstrate how philosophy contributes to the identification of issues as well as their resolution. (4 credits)
PHL524	Environmental Ethics	This course studies the ethical issues associated with the environment including the nature, use, preservation, and restoration of the environment. (4 credits)
PHL534	Logical Thinking 2	This course, logical thinking is the process in which one uses reasoning consistently to come to a conclusion. Problems or situations that involve logical thinking call for structure, for relationships between facts, and for chains of reasoning that “make sense.”
PHL544	History of Ethics*	This course is a survey of major ethical theories in the Western philosophical tradition. (4 credits)
PHL574	Social and Political Philosophy 3	In this course students engage in an intensive examination of issues in political and social philosophy, including democracy, civil disobedience, anarchism, totalitarianism, and the nature of the state. Participants develop knowledge of major theories, concepts, and methodologies in social and political philosophy. (4 credits)
PHL594	Christian Philosophy and Ethics 4	Christian Philosophy is a fundamental aspect of human existence. It is a central principle to every discussion on happiness. The Christian Philosophy asks about the nature and kinds of God. What is love? Is it an emotion or a choice? If no egoistic love is possible, then how so? If there different kinds of love, then what are they? The problem of love is the perennial dilemma centered around egoism and altruism, self-interest and self-denial, self-centeredness and disinterestedness. (4 credits)
PHL604	19th Century Philosophy 5	This course offers a detailed introduction to central figures of 19th-century European philosophy such as Hegel, Marx, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche in the context of their responses to the Enlightenment, the condition of modernity, the growth of democracy, nationalism, capitalism, Darwin, secularization, and the critical project of Kant. (4 credits)
PHL644	Philosophical Logic 6	The course is an examination of the conceptual frameworks of and philosophical challenges to classical and alternative logics. Special attention will be paid to the use of the logics within metaphysics, the axiomatic method as used in logic and mathematics, philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, and meta-ethics. (4 credits)

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PHL654	Professional Ethics	Study of major topics in business and professional ethics, including what a profession is, whether it differs from business, and what is involved with moral education, social responsibilities, and ethical standards of professional and business people. (4 credits)
PHL664	Research and Research Ethics	In this course students will examine issues, concepts, and cases in research ethics and the responsible conduct of research. Topics will include research integrity, conflicts of interest, authorship, peer review, human and animal experimentation, mentorship, data, and values in science. (4 credits)
PHL684	Epistemology	Epistemology: Becoming Intellectually Virtuous. How do we know what we know? ... Jay Wood begins this introduction to epistemology by taking an extended look at the idea of knowing within the context of the intellectual virtues. He then surveys current views of foundationalism, epistemic justification and reliabilism. (4 credits)
PHL694	Philosophical hermeneutics	Hermeneutics is the art of understanding and of making oneself understood. It goes beyond mere logical analysis and general interpretive principles. ... Philosophical hermeneutics refers to the detailed and systematic examination of human understanding that began with the German philosopher Hans-Georg Gadamer (1900-2002). The range of approaches to the hermeneutic philosophy of science also includes Joseph Kockelmans' studies of Maurice Merleau-Ponty, in addition to a range of philosophers of science cutting across the contemporary analytic-continental divide. (4 credits)
PHL700	Thesis Research	This course culminates your studies through a thesis research or a project