



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

*Department of Philosophy*

**Major: Philosophy**

**Degree: M.A.**

**Date Revised: August 2014**

### Program Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Methods

#### Student Learning Outcomes

1. Proficiency in formal logic
2. Proficiency in philosophical writing
3. Knowledge of metaphysics and epistemology
4. Knowledge of ethics and social/political philosophy
5. Knowledge of the related areas of philosophy of science, philosophy of language, and philosophy of mind
6. Knowledge of a period, movement, or major figure in the history of philosophy
7. In-depth knowledge of one major area of contemporary philosophy

#### Assessment Methods (Outcomes)

- Examinations in PHIL 505 (1)
- Essays written in PHIL 510, 570, 611, and 612 (2,3,7)
- Essays written in PHIL 530, 550, 631, 642, and 651 (2,4,7)
- Essays written in PHIL 502, 504, 561, 564, 602, 604, 660, and 663 (2,5,7)
- Essays written in PHIL 520, 521, 523, 526, 527, 528, and 529 (2,6,7)
- Comprehensive Examination (7)
- Placement data (external) (1-7)
- Alumni survey (1-7)

