

I.U. Philosophy Department
Petition for Certification: Distribution Requirements

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Part I. Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Area for Certification: **M&E and Logic** **History of Philosophy** **Value Theory**

Name of the Area Committee Chair: _____

Course Number	Course Title/Description of Unit	Professor	Semester & Year	Grade

Comments _____

Part II. Member of the Area Committee

I have verified the above information and believe that the student has satisfied the Area Distribution Requirements. Please let me know your views about granting the student's petition. Thank you!

Part III. Final Approval

The petition is accepted on _____

Signature of the Area Committee Chair _____

Return completed form to: Graduate Program Coordinator

Distribution Requirements

Distribution requirements in the four areas are defined below. For the purposes of satisfying these requirements, P590 courses and courses given in other departments must be approved by the relevant area committee. A grade of B or better is required to satisfy a distribution requirement.

Metaphysics & Epistemology, Logic: Students are to satisfy a disjunctive requirement regarding Metaphysics & Epistemology and Logic:

Metaphysics and Epistemology: Three graduate courses. The three should be in different subareas of Metaphysics and Epistemology, as defined above. At least one of the three courses must be on the list of automatically approved courses. P590s *will not* count toward the Metaphysics and Epistemology Distribution Requirement.

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 and Epistemology: Two graduate courses. The two should be in different subareas of Metaphysics and Epistemology. At least one of the two courses must be on the list of automatically approved courses. P590s will not count toward the Metaphysics and Epistemology Distribution Requirement.

AND

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

History of Philosophy: (Three units) A unit in history can consist of any of the following: a graduate course, a written paper on a topic in one of the four historical periods (ancient, medieval, modern, and recent), a written examination on a topic in one of the four periods, or a written examination covering a broad range within the history of philosophy. At least one unit must be in ancient or medieval history and one in post-medieval history. The third “wild card” unit in history may be in any of the four historical periods. It may also be such a course as history of ethics, history of aesthetics, history of logic, etc.—provided that such course is approved by the history committee. In addition to the automatically approved courses listed below, P710 can count for any of the periods, depending on its content. Students must seek approval for P710 from the History Area Committee, and the Area Committee will decide whether the course counts based on course content and the student's competence in the philosophy of the relevant period. Other courses may be counted depending on Committee approval.

Value Theory: (Two units) Two graduate level courses, at least one in ethics. At least one course should be either P540, P541, or P740. The second course should come from the list of automatically approved courses below. Students may petition to substitute for one or possibly both of the courses a course not on the list of automatically approved courses, but there is no presumption that any other courses will count. The decision whether to count any other courses will be made on the basis of what other courses the student has taken, the opportunities the student has had for taking automatically approved courses, and the student's Area of Concentration. Two courses with the same number can count toward the Distribution Requirement provided their course content is sufficiently different; students must petition for the second course to count. Distribution requirements should normally be satisfied by the end of the student's second year, but in all cases should be satisfied by the end of the student's third year of graduate study.

Instructions

Please fill out Part I of the application and give the form to the appropriate Area Committee Chair. Please provide evidence that you have satisfied all the distribution requirements in the area of your petition. And please observe the requirements stated above on P590s and courses given in other departments.