

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE  
FORM C  
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**Proposed effective term**

Semester Fall    Year 2017

**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program Graduate Degree Program  
Name of New or Existing Program MA Philosophy  
Select Category Degree    Degree Type M.A. Plan II  
Select Action Revision

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

[Form C Proposed Changes to Philosophy MA II Degree Requirements.pdf](#)

☐ Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.

Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)  
Please see attached document.

[Reason for Request for Philosophy MA Plan II Change.pdf](#)

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

[Justification for Revision of Philosophy MA Plan II.pdf](#)

☐ Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Upload memo from Associate Provost authorizing go-ahead to full proposal. (upload a doc/pdf file)

## Form C Proposed Changes

**Title and Requirements: The current text of the Catalog entry for the Master of Arts in Philosophy Degree Requirements reads as follows:**

### Degrees Offered

- **Master of Arts in Philosophy (M.A.)**
- **Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

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The M.A. is offered under either **Plan I** or **Plan II**.

In addition to the general requirements for the Ph.D. stated elsewhere in this catalog, the department requires that each student enroll in a minimum number of graduate-level seminars, demonstrate reading competence in one foreign language and satisfactorily complete a preliminary and a comprehensive examination.

The Philosophy Department encourages students who wish to obtain Master's Degrees in two departments to see Dual Graduate Degrees. Cooperative study leading to a Ph.D. in American Studies, with a concentration in Philosophy, is available. Consult American Studies in this catalog.

### Degree Requirements

**M.A. I:** 24 credit hours with no language requirement.

**M.A. II:** 32 credit hours with no language requirement.

**Ph.D.:** 48 credit hours with one language requirement.

A detailed explanation of all requirements for both the M.A. and the Ph.D. degrees and of the functions of the departmental Graduate Advisory Committee is available upon request. Prospective students are urged to secure this material

**We are requesting one change such that the new text will read as follows:**

**(Proposed changes in red)**

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### **Degree Requirements**

**M.A. I:** 24 credit hours with no language requirement.

**M.A. II:** 30 credit hours with no language requirement.

**Ph.D.:** 48 credit hours with one language requirement.

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## **Justification for Revision of Philosophy M.A. Plan II**

### **Budgetary and Faculty Load Implications**

We do not believe the requested change will have any impact on meeting minimum graduate course enrollment requirements, and thus, there are no budgetary or faculty load implications associated with this change.

**Reason for Request**

We are requesting that “**M.A. II:** 32 credit hours with no language requirement.” be changed to “**M.A. II:** 30 credit hours with no language requirement.” There are two reasons for this request. First, this change will make the department’s requirements identical to the recently revised UNM M.A. degree Plan II requirements, as reflected in the 2016-2017 UNM Catalog. Second, by reducing the credit hours to 30, our MA students may more easily complete their degree requirements within the two year time frame of our program, and additionally our PhD students may obtain an M.A. enroute more efficiently.

The Department of Philosophy faculty voted to decrease the number of credit hours to 30 for our M.A. Plan II following UNM’s decision to use 30 credit hours as their requirement. The vote was cast in spring 2016 and is currently reflected on the Department of Philosophy’s website.