The Program in Social, Political, Ethical and Legal Philosophy (S.P.E.L.)

Checklist of Requirements for M.A.

Name: 
Entered program in (semester/year):
Advisor:

☐ Eight seminars, seven of which must be SPEL seminars and one of which may be chosen from other Philosophy graduate courses or in consultation with the student’s adviser from among courses offered by other departments, with a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.3.

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☐ One first year SPEL seminar in Social and Political Philosophy and one in Ethics, both to be taken during the first year of residency.
Course name: 

☐ Two SPEL seminars emphasizing the history of philosophy.
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☐ One SPEL seminar that draws mainly from the Anglo-American tradition.
Course name: 

☐ One SPEL seminar that draws mainly from the Continental European tradition.
Course name: 

☐ One SPEL seminar in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language, philosophy of science or philosophy of mind.
Course name: 

☐ Enrollment in the SPEL colloquium for four semesters (one semester may be waived for students in the Five Year Combined Degree Program).
Proficiency requirements:

Check one (level 1 logic proficiency):

☐ A grade of at least B in an undergraduate course on formal logic.

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☐ Or a grade of B or better on the exam(s) from PHIL 122 (Elementary Logic).

☐ Or a grade of B or better on the SPEL examination in Basic Formal Logic.

Note: Students in the Five-Year Combined Degree Program who do not intend to apply to Ph.D. programs in Philosophy may substitute PHIL 121 for PHIL 122.

Note: Students who satisfy the level 2 logic proficiency requirement thereby simultaneously satisfy the level 1 logic proficiency requirement.

Check one:

☐ A grade of B or better in an undergraduate course in ancient Greek philosophy.

Institution Course name Course number Semester/year Final grade

☐ Or a grade of B or better on the exam(s) from PHIL 201 (Plato and Aristotle).

Check one:

☐ A grade of at least B in an undergraduate course in modern Western philosophy.

Institution Course name Course number Semester/year Final grade

☐ Or a grade of B or better on the exam(s) from PHIL 202 (Descartes, Hume and Kant).

Check one (terminal MA students may choose either the Comprehensive Exams or the thesis; students seeking acceptance into the Ph.D. portion of the program must take the Comprehensive Exams):

☐ A grade of “pass” on Comprehensive Exams in Ethics and in Social and Political Philosophy.

☐ Or satisfactory completion and defense of an M.A. thesis.

Thesis advisor:
Committee members:

ADVISOR SIGNATURE (when checklist is complete) __________________________ Date ______
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Checklist of Requirements for Ph.D.

Name: 
Entered program in (semester/year):

Advisor:

Check one:

□ Completion of the M.A. requirements in the SPEL Philosophy program.

□ Or completion of an equivalent M.A. at another institution.

□ One first year SPEL seminar in Social and Political Philosophy and one in Ethics, both to be taken during the first year in the program. (Required only of Ph.D. students without an M.A. from SPEL).

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□ A grade of “pass” on Comprehensive Exams in Ethics and/or in Social and Political Philosophy (Required only of Ph.D. students without an M.A. from SPEL, and who were told in their admissions letters that the Comprehensive Exam[s] would be required.)

□ Enrollment in the SPEL Colloquium for four semesters if entering the program with an M.A. from another institution, and for two semesters (in addition to the four semesters already completed for the M.A.) for students who earned their M.A. in SPEL.

□ Six seminars that may, when applicable, be chosen from departments other than the Philosophy Department in consultation with the student's adviser.

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Proficiency requirements:

Check one:

- Demonstration of proficiency in one more language (other than English). Language:
- Or level 2 logic proficiency (see separate sheet for criteria).

Qualifying exam and dissertation:

  
  Date passed:

- Satisfactory completion and defense of a dissertation.
  
  Dissertation director:
  Committee members:
  Outside examiner:
  Defense date:

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