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Graduate Study in Philosophy at Oxford

Students can study at graduate level in philosophy for the degrees of MSt, BPhil, MLitt and DPhil (PhD). Most students take the BPhil course before commencing their DPhil. The MSt and BPhil require a strong formal background in philosophy and are not suitable for students wishing to change their area of study. A small number of students who have already done significant study in philosophy at graduate level (at least equivalent to the Oxford BPhil) are admitted each year to start immediately on their DPhil as Probationary Research Students (PRS). Applications from students wishing to take the MSt and MLitt are accepted only in exceptional circumstances.

Applications are considered as a gathered field by members of the Philosophy Graduate Studies Committee and the deadline for applications is mid January of each year for entry the following October. The Committee works to a tight admissions schedule and your application and all supporting material must arrive at the Graduate Admissions Office, at the University's central administration offices, by the deadline for your application to be considered. The deadline for receipt of applications is absolute, and late applications will not be considered. Part-time or long distance study is not available. Forms and other application information for entry in October 2008 (including information about funding) is available from the Graduate Admissions Office.

You will be able to download an application pack at:

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/gsp/>

Or contact Graduate Admissions as follows:

Graduate Admissions Office
University Offices
Wellington Square
Oxford OX1 2JD

E-Mail: graduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk

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In the meantime, you may wish to look at the Faculty of Philosophy's website at

<http://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk>

which includes information about graduate work within the Faculty, a list of members of the Faculty, and information about their research interests.

Applications should be accompanied by two or three academic references, academic transcripts and two pieces of written work on different philosophical topics, each of 2500 words (for MSt and BPhil applications), or one piece of written work of 5000 words on the topic of proposed research (for PRS applications). All parts of the application dossier are taken into account when assessing applications. The Philosophy Graduate Studies Committee appoints supervisors for successful candidates, subject to the availability of a suitable supervisor for the proposed thesis topic. Candidates must not only be accepted by the PGSC, but by a College as well.

Academics in the Faculty of Philosophy may be able to supervise graduate students jointly with other departments within the University. Graduates with a background in medicine, for example, can be jointly supervised with an academic in The Ethox Centre. The Ethox Centre does not have a formal DPhil programme as such, but if graduate students are interested in doing a DPhil in bioethics with the Centre, Ethox academics will be willing to consider ideas for projects that fit in with their four main research areas: genetics, mental health and neuroscience, global ethics, and clinical ethics support. The Ethox Centre can be approached via the following email address:

admin@ethox.ox.ac.uk

The Centre's full details are:

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