



Annual Report on Program Learning Outcomes Assessment

Program: MA in Philosophy

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Date: *This form is due to annually by November 15 to the Provost's Office at buassess@bu.edu.*

1. List the learning outcomes for the program:

Students completing our graduate programs are expected to:

- 1. Acquire the conceptual ability, and the speaking and writing skills, needed for intensive examination of questions concerning what is true, what is good, and what is beautiful. They must demonstrate familiarity with core questions in ethics and political philosophy, metaphysics and epistemology, and logic, as well as the ability to sustain critical reflection on, and discussion of, these questions.
- 2. Gain significant knowledge of the canonical works of both Antiquity and Modernity, as well as the basic issues and texts of contemporary philosophy.
- 3. Learn to defend their views with strong arguments, but also remain open to disagreement and critique.
- 4. Develop a solid understanding of what it means to study philosophy at the graduate level.