



Annual Report on Program Learning Outcomes Assessment

Program: Philosophy Ph.D. program

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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 Ph.D. program 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.
- 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 develop strong arguments that can be defended in a professional forum. Upon graduation, they have made an original contribution to the field.
- 4. Learn how to cope with the demands of the profession while retaining the enthusiasm for the study of philosophy that animated them at the outset of their careers.
- 5. Be able to teach and promote their discipline at the undergraduate level.