



What is special about philosophy at the UvA?

- Internationally oriented atmosphere
- Wide range of staff specialisations
- Three Master's programmes and a vast offer of courses
- Course track largely based on individual choice
- Well positioned in international rankings
- Spinoza Chair
- Location



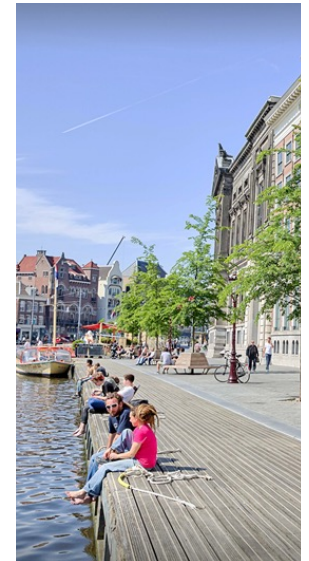
Spinoza Chair

1996:	Albrecht Wellmer	2011:	Cristina Lafont
1997:	Richard Rorty	2012:	Michael Friedman
1998:	Stanley Cavell	2013:	Onora O' Neill
1999:	Axel Honneth	2014:	Quentin Skinner
2000:	Seyla Benhabib	2015:	Sally Haslanger
2001:	Hilary Putnam	2016:	Jonathan Lear
2002:	Judith Butler	2017:	Béatrice Longuenesse
2003:	Hubert Dreyfus	2018:	Susan Wolf
2004:	Nancy Fraser	2019:	Catherine Malabou
2005:	Bruno Latour	2020:	Charles Mills
2006:	John Dupré	2021:	Robert Brandom
2007:	Herman De Dijn, Jonathan Israel, Steven Nadler	2022:	Tribute to Charles Mills †
2008:	Asma Barlas	2023:	Linda Alcoff
2009:	Robert Pippin	2024:	Paul Taylor
2010:	Moirá Gatens	2025:	Jennifer Lackey



Philosophers at the UvA

- Trained in various philosophical traditions and schools
- Internationally renowned researchers
- Winners of prestigious grants
- Take part in research institutes such as
 - Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation
 - Centre for Ethics and Technology
 - Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis



Master's programmes in Philosophy at the UvA

MA Philosophy / Filosofie (1 year)

Research MA Philosophy (2 year)

MA Philosophy of Social Sciences and Humanities (combined programmes)

- Elective courses are shared between all Master's programmes.
- Two language tracks in the IMA.
- Transfer to the rMA is sometimes possible.

One-year programme MA Philosophy



One-year MA in Philosophy: Entry requirements

There are several ways to enter the MA Philosophy:

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

1. Bachelor degree in Philosophy (from any accredited University) or
2. UvA extended minor in philosophy (60 EC) + a Bachelor in another subject (University)
3. UvA Bachelor degree BetaGamma with major Philosophy
4. 60 EC university Philosophy courses (with various subdisciplines & levels), application submitted with a description of the philosophical content of these courses in motivation form + writing sample (3500 wrds) + Bachelor in another subject (University)

AND

Meet requirements of language proficiency.

NB: if you need to take a proficiency test, consider the term of validity of the certificate in your choice!

One-year MA in Philosophy: Programme

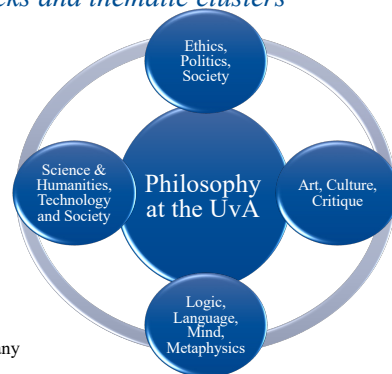
1MA Philosophy	semester 1 (sep-jan)			semester 2 (feb-jul)		
	block 1	block 2	block 3	block 4	block 5	block 6
compulsory			Colloquium	Thesis		
electives	6 EC	6 EC		6 EC	6 EC	
	6 EC	6 EC				

- Elective courses 36 EC
 - At least 24 EC within the offer of MA Philosophy
- Mandatory courses 24 EC
 - Colloquium (6 EC) (Research seminar + preparation of thesis)
 - Thesis + defence (18 EC)



One-year MA in Philosophy: *tutoring, tracks and thematic clusters*

- Dutch and English tracks
 - Thesis must be written in language of track
 - Different entry requirements for language level
 - You may switch during your study (if you meet the language requirements!)
- Four thematic clusters of elective courses
 - We advise to choose courses within one cluster for specialisation.... but: you are free to form your own programme and follow any elective.
- Tutoring and guidance
 - Sep-Dec: Plenary meetings & individual meetings with any tutor from any cluster to shape your programme
 - January: Follow the Colloquium group belonging to the relevant cluster to prepare your thesis



Electives on offer 2022-23

Ethics, Politics and Society

- Art and Politics
- Critique(s) of Violence
- Ethics and Politics of Surveillance and Privacy
- Critical Theories
- Environmental Philosophy
- Theories of Justice
- Fixing Frankenstein: Normative questions in Philosophy of Technology
- History, Identity, Agency
- Philosophy, Science and Public Affairs
- Philosophy of Technology and Politics
- Recent Debates in Moral Philosophy
- Publikksfilosofie

Art, Culture and Critique

- Aesthetics and intimacy
- Art and Politics
- Reflexieve moderniteit
- Critical Theories
- Decolonial Aesthetics
- Environmental Philosophy
- Post-structuralism
- Critical Cultural Theory and the Question of Race and Gender
- Philosophical Perspectives on the Image
- History, Identity, Agency
- Publikksfilosofie

Language, Logic, Mind and Metaphysics

- Phenomenology
- Introduction to the Philosophy of Language
- Advanced Topics in the Philosophy of Language
- Meaning, Reference and Modality
- Philosophy of Cognition
- Ontology: Historical Perspectives
- Data-driven History of Ideas
- Philosophy of Mathematics
- Philosophy of Logic
- Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence
- Structures for Semantics
- Semantics and Philosophy
- Rationality, Cognition and Reasoning
- Publikksfilosofie

Science & Humanities, Technology and Society

- History and Philosophy of the Humanities
- Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- Environmental Philosophy
- Causal Inference: Philosophical Theory and Modern Practice
- Philosophy of Techno-Science
- Philosophy, Science and Public Affairs
- Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence
- Philosophy of Technology and Politics
- Data-driven History of Ideas
- History, Identity, Agency
- Publikksfilosofie

Elective course offer MA Philosophy per thematic cluster 2024-2025

Ethics, Politics and Society	Art, Culture and Critique	Language, Logic, Mind and Metaphysics	Science, Humanities, Technology and Society
Art and Politics	Aesthetics and Intimacy	Aesthetics and Metaphysics	
Critical Theories	Aesthetics and Metaphysics	Data-driven History of Ideas	Data-driven History of Ideas
Critique(s) of Violence	Art and Politics	Introduction to the Phil. of Language	Ethics and Politics of Climate Change
Environmental Philosophy	Critical Theories	Meaning, Reference and Modality	Fixing Frankenstein
Ethics and Politics of Climate Change	Environmental Philosophy	Ontology: Historical Perspectives	History and Phil. of the Humanities
Fixing Frankenstein	History and Phil. of the Humanities	Phenomenology	History, Identity, Agency
History, Identity, Agency	History, Identity, Agency	Philosophy of AI	Introduction to the Phil. of Language
History and Phil. of the Humanities	Phenomenology	Philosophy of Cognition	Philosophy of AI
Philosophy, Science and Public Affairs	Phil. Perspectives on the Image	Philosophy of Logic	Philosophy of the Social Sciences
Philosophy of the Social Sciences	Publieksfilosofie	Philosophy of Mathematics	Philosophy, Science and Public Affairs
Power, Speech and Conceptual Engineering		Power, Speech and Conceptual Engineering	Power, Speech and Conceptual Engineering
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Recent Debates in Moral Philosophy		Rationality, Cognition and Reasoning	Ontology: Historical Perspectives
Theories of Justice		Semantics and Philosophy	Rationality, Cognition and Reasoning
		Structures for Semantics	Phenomenology

Job perspectives for philosophy graduates: where are our alumni?

- **Teaching and research** (*academic, higher, secondary and primary education*)
- **Government, administration and politics** (*policy adviser, spokesperson, thinktank, city council, parliament*)
- **Unions and NGO's** (*LSVB, FNV, Milieudefensie*)
- **Press, journalism** (*Human, NOS, AT5, Trouw, Parool, NRC Handelsblad,...*)
- **Event organisers** (*at debating institutes (De Balie, De Rode Hoed,...), commercial (ISVW Leusden,...)*)
- **Editing, publishing** (*independent, at publishers (Elsevier, Boom, Springer...), as novelists*)
- **Counseling** (*personal counseling, therapeutic counseling, military chaplain, ethical boards*)
- **Miscellaneous** (*CapGemini, GGZ, Shell, IT-services*)

One-year MA in Philosophy

- A lot of freedom to compose your own programme
- Many opportunities to develop your interests
 - Deepen your knowledge of specific authors and themes
 - Address new and cutting edge philosophical debates
 - Address issues in foundations of the science and technology
 - Connect philosophical questions to societal concerns
 - Join departmental seminars, lectures, and debates
 - ...



MA Philosophy: Application Deadlines

You can submit your application
from now until...

- 1 March – Foreign non-EU/EEA diplomas
- 15 May – Dutch or foreign EU/EEA diplomas

NB: foreign EU/EEA nationals who wish to **apply for housing** should apply before 1 March

Look up the entry requirements and procedure
(on the programme page): www.gsh.uva.nl



- **MA in Philosophy (one year, 60 EC)**

Coordinator: Elsbeth Brouwer (e.c.brouwer@uva.nl)

Further info:

<http://www.gsh.uva.nl>

<http://studiegids.uva.nl>

Other Master's programmes in Philosophy at the UvA:

- MA in Philosophy of the Humanities and the Social Sciences (two years, 60 EC Philosophy, 60 EC elsewhere)

Coordinator: Jacques Bos (j.bos@uva.nl)

- Research MA in Philosophy (two years, 120 EC Philosophy)

Coordinator: Katia Hay (k.d.hay.rodgers@uva.nl)

Questions?

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