

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION (Format)

Department of Philosophy

Late August

In-Person Meeting in MH 105

9:00-9:30 Breakfast (provided) in Commons

9:15-9:30 Signing contracts (I-9) with Tom Marek (students on financial aid only).

9:30-10:00 Welcome, Round of Introductions

10:00-11:00 Year-to-year program overview and requirements (all students)

- Who's who?

11:00-11:30 Break-Out Session I: MA Students

11:30-12:00 Break-Out Session II: PhD Students

- Year-by-year overview
- DPPF/MAPF
- Financial aid, GAs
- Program requirements

- Course credits, transfer opportunities, curriculum for PhD, MA revisions in process
- MA tracks (HIST, SOAP)
- Courses at other institutions (new restrictions)
- Independent studies (new restrictions)
- Language(s), logic
- Auditing courses
- Dissertation credits
- DQP/MQP/MA comps
- Continuous enrollment
- First year seminar on teaching philosophy plus shadow

12:00-1:00 Lunch (catered); Union Post Office Station for MU ID

1:00-1:15 Welcome by Dr. Jessica Wolfendale, Chair of Department
Maria Cooper, Administrative Assistant

1:15-2:00 Philosophy Graduate Student Association and Philosophy/MAP

2:00-3:00 Program requirements/opportunities continued

- Program opportunities
- Brown bag series
- Reading groups
- MAWP (Milwaukee Area Women in Philosophy)
- PFFP (Preparing Future Faculty and Professionals)
- Center for Teaching and Learning
- Funding (PhD students): fellowship opportunities—Schmitt, Smith, Raynor; diversity fellowships
- Graduate student travel funding—some small budget; graduate school matching;
- Advising
- First year DGS, then switch
- End of semester review letters
- Meet with advisors before registration
- Placement Service & Seminar
- Professional development expectations/opportunities
- Department colloquium
- Aquinas lecture
- Summer Aristotle, Aquinas and the Arabs, Philosophers in Jesuit Education, Loyola-MU Phenomenology workshop, others?
- Language Reading Groups
- Conferences—listservs—Philos-el, APA
- Publications
- MA non-ac; MA academic

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-3:30 Sarah Framnes-De Boer: Graduate Student Organization

3:30-3:45 Jordan Mason & Katie Ruetz: Graduate School

4:00 Tour of the Raynor Library

6:00 Informal Gathering at Estabrook Beer Garden (TBA).

Next Day: All Department Picnic