

*Chapter IX*

**Faculty of Philosophy**

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# **Degrees and Diplomas offered by the Faculty of Philosophy**

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**Baccalaureate in Philosophy, BPh**

**Licentiate in Philosophy, LPh**

**Doctorate in Philosophy, DPh**

**Higher Diploma in Philosophy and Arts**

**Diploma in Philosophy and Arts**

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# Baccalaureate in Philosophy

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The Baccalaureate in Philosophy (BPh) is a full-time degree open to any student who satisfies the entry requirements of second level education (Irish Leaving Certificate or its equivalent) for an undergraduate degree.

The programme entails eight hours of lectures and one tutorial per week in year one, and seven hours of lectures and one tutorial per week in year two. Students will be required to achieve a pass on the first year's courses before being admitted to the second year.

## Year I

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Epistemology
- Moral Philosophy
- Philosophy of Religion I
- Greek Philosophy
- Metaphysics I
- Medieval Philosophy
- Logic
- Philosophical Anthropology

## Year II

- Metaphysics II
- Philosophy of Religion II
- The Elective Courses in the First Semester of the relevant year
- The Philosophy of Aquinas
- Political Philosophy
- The Elective Courses of the Second Year
- Minor Dissertation

This degree is open to students of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth who study for the *Higher Diploma in Philosophy* or who take Philosophy and a cognate subject for the Honours BA. They are required to produce a BPh thesis. Prospective candidates should contact the Theology Office for further details.

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## Licentiate in Philosophy

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In order to be admitted to the Licentiate in Philosophy (LPh) a candidate shall have followed, and taken the examinations in, the required postgraduate courses over two years and submitted a dissertation that demonstrates ability for scientific study in philosophy.

Successful candidates for the MA (Mode 2) examination in the Faculty of Philosophy, Maynooth University may also be admitted to the Licentiate. They are required in addition to present a Minor Thesis, on a separate topic from the MA thesis but of comparable length. The thesis should focus on an area of Christian philosophy. Prospective candidates should contact the Philosophy Office by the end of January of their degree year.

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## Doctorate in Philosophy

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The principal requirement for the award of the Doctorate in Philosophy (DPh) is a major dissertation which proves the candidate's capacity for scientific investigation and which makes a real contribution to philosophy. Candidates may also be required to follow a specified range of qualifying courses.

Candidates for the DPh must have achieved a grade of at least *Magna cum Laude* / Second Class Honours, Grade I / B in the LPh or its equivalent.

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## Diploma and Higher Diploma in Philosophy

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The Diploma and the Higher Diploma in Philosophy are part-time postgraduate programmes in Philosophy and provide students who already possess a third level qualification with a qualification in Philosophy. The courses are open to any student who satisfies the entry requirements: a third-level qualification in any subject or combination. For the Diploma the programme of study will extend over one year and its modules are drawn from the first and second year of the BA Philosophy programme. For the HDip the programme of study will extend over a two-year period and students will be required to achieve a pass on the first year's courses before being admitted to the second year. The modules for the second year of the Higher Diploma in Philosophy are drawn from the third year of the BA Philosophy programme and students will be required to write a 5000 word dissertation. The topic of the dissertation will be chosen by the student from any area of philosophy and must be approved by the BA dissertation co-ordinator.

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## Higher Diploma in Philosophy & Arts

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The *Higher Diploma in Philosophy and Arts* is awarded by the *Pontifical University at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth*, upon the successful completion of a two year course, designed to provide students who already possess a third level qualification, with a qualification in Philosophy. The course is open to any student who satisfies the entry requirements, viz. a third-level qualification in any subject or combination.

The programme involves approximately fourteen hours of lectures and two tutorials per week in each of the two years. Students will be required to achieve a pass on the first year's courses before being admitted to the second year.

On Successful completion of the H Dip students can apply to be considered for the BPhil examination.

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## Diploma in Philosophy and Arts

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The *Diploma in Philosophy and Arts* is awarded by the *Pontifical University at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth*, upon the successful completion of a two-year, full-time course, covering a range of modules, principally in the discipline of philosophy.

### ***Admission to the Course***

For admission to the course a pass grade is required in five subjects of the Leaving Certificate or its equivalent: three of these must be academic subjects in the Maynooth University matriculation syllabus.

### **Outline of the Programme**

Students follow almost the same courses as students of the Higher Diploma, but the courses are assessed at module level 7.

