

## Metrics Report: PHILOSOPHY

### I. Program Overview

#### A. Departmental Profile (faculty, students, and curriculum)

The Philosophy Department has 16 regular faculty members, one visiting faculty member, one joint appointment faculty member (philosophy and women studies), and a visiting scholar from Germany every other spring semester. Currently, there are approximately 50 graduate students, 105 undergraduate majors, and 35 undergraduate minors.

At the undergraduate level, the department offers a major and minor in philosophy and a joint major in Philosophy and Religion. While the department awards both a M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy, it does not admit students seeking only a M.A. That is, the department only accepts students pursuing a Ph.D. and these students will acquire a M.A. before the Ph.D. The department also offers a graduate certificate in philosophy. At the graduate level, the philosophy program aims to produce teachers and scholars with a broad and systematic understanding of the history of philosophy and expertise in particular areas of, and approaches to, philosophy.

The department is particularly strong in four areas: (1) the history of philosophy, (2) continental philosophy, (3) cultural, history, and social theory, and (4) Ethics and political philosophy. Each faculty member's research contributes to the department's strength in the history of philosophy and at least one other area.

#### B. Coordination / Collaborative Relationships

1. The Philosophy Department hosts a Colloquium Series (8-12 speakers) each academic year.
2. The graduate students organize a conference every spring.
3. Every other year the department hosts the Loemker Conference. Loemker was one of the faculty members at the inception of graduate program in philosophy.
4. Professor Donald Verene is the editor of *New Vico Studies* and the director of the Institute for Vico Studies. The Institute, which is located in Emory's philosophy department, sponsors the journal *New Vico Studies*.<sup>1</sup>
5. Jack Zupko administers the multi-departmental Ethics Minor on behalf of the Ethics Center and College of Emory. Students pursuing the Ethics Minor must complete five courses in ethics. One course must be the philosophy course Introduction to Ethics. The remaining courses may be chosen from fourteen courses in nine departments. Seven of these courses are in the philosophy department.
6. Steven Strange is in charge of the interdisciplinary Ancient Meditation Studies program.

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<sup>1</sup> The Vico Institute is financially supported by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

## II. Description of Materials Collected

### A. Scope of the Collection

- a. **Subject Areas:** The bulk of the philosophy collection is classed in B (ancient, medieval, modern), BC (logic), and BD (speculative Philosophy, metaphysics, Epistemology, Methodology, Ontology and Cosmology), BH (Aesthetics), and BJ 1-1725 (Ethics). Other important areas include JC (political theory), HX (socialism, communism, anarchism), Q175 (philosophy of science), P101-120 (philosophy of language).<sup>2</sup>
- b. **Chronology:** Ancient to Contemporary.
- c. **Language:** Emory collects primary materials in their original language, which includes Greek, Latin, French, German, and Italian. These primary sources are also collected in English translation when available. Secondary sources are collected in English, French, German, and Italian.
- d. **Date of Publication:** Currently most texts added to the collection are new publications. As will be indicated later, some retrospective collected should be pursued.
- e. **Geographic Areas:** Most of the collection is from the United States and Europe.

### B. Formats and Publication Type

- a. **Monographs and Texts:** Most monographs and texts are acquired either through approval plans, standing orders, firm orders, and gifts. Textbooks are rarely acquired.
- b. **Serials:** In print and electronic serials are collected.
- c. **Electronic Publications:** The library has on-line access to the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* published by Routledge and the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* published by McMillan. Philosophy titles are added on to Past Masters (a full-text database) on a regular basis. The library also has numerous on-line database tools, such as, the *Philosopher's Index*, for locating articles and books. E-books are not collected much but electronic serials are heavily used by faculty and students.
- d. **Microforms:** Not a high priority but some texts are available in microform and duplications of original source material are sometimes purchased as microforms.
- e. **Multimedia:** Not a high priority but some films may be purchased in the future.

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<sup>2</sup> The NATC data deals with large LC ranges. Consequently, in some cases, areas within a collection cannot be compared to other institutions. For example, Q175 (philosophy of science) and P101-120 (philosophy of language) are too narrow and must be left out of this report.

**f. Government Publications:** Not a high priority

**g. Exclusions:** No textbooks