Department/Program Name: Philosophy Department

Overview of Research and Teaching Focus

The Philosophy Department faculty’s research and teaching focus on the following seven areas:

- Art and Culture
- Continental Philosophy
- Ethics, Politics, and Law
- History of Philosophy
- Philosophy of the Americas
- Philosophical Psychology and
- Gender, Race, and Difference

At the undergraduate level, the department offers a major and minor in philosophy and a joint major in Philosophy and Religion as well as Philosophy and Classics. While the department awards both an M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy, it does not admit students seeking only an M.A. That is, the department only accepts students pursuing a Ph.D. and these students will acquire an 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 four main areas of strength for interdisciplinary opportunities are a) history of philosophy, b) continental philosophy, c) culture, history and social theory, and d) ethics and political philosophy.

Coordination / Collaborative Relationships:

- Dr. John Lysaker is the Chair of the Department.
- Dr. Andrew Mitchell is the Director of Graduate Studies
- Dr. Ursula Goldenbaum is the Director of Undergraduate Studies.
- Dr. Michael Sullivan is the Pre-Law Advisor.
- The graduate students organize a conference every spring.
- The Philosophy Department hosts a Colloquium Series (8-12 speakers) each academic year.
- Every other year the department hosts the Loemker Conference. Loemker was one of the faculty members at the inception of the graduate program in philosophy.
Department/Program Demographics

Full time faculty – 14
Lecturers and Instructors – 3
Visiting faculty members – 2
Visiting Scholar from Germany every other Spring – 1
Graduate Students – 46
Undergraduate Students – 123 (including both majors and minors)

Research Requirements (Methods, Skills, Competencies, Use of Materials)

The Philosophy Department uses both print and digital collections. Faculty and graduate students’ requests comprise monographs. Occasionally, there are requests for DVD and e-books. Primary sources include philosophical texts, meditations, treatises, letters, correspondence, speeches, etc.

Recent conversations with graduate students have revealed additional areas for collection development. They are African American Philosophy, Latinx Philosophy, Philosophy of Race, Feminist Philosophy, and Postcolonial/Decolonial Philosophy.

Related Departments and Programs and Collaborations at Emory

The philosophy faculty members are also engaged in Emory University’s other departments, initiatives and programs including Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, American Studies, Global and Postcolonial Studies, Disability Studies, Comparative Literature, the James Wheldon Institute of Race and Difference, and Psychoanalytic Studies.

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.

Professor Goldenbaum 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 Introduction to Ethics. The remaining courses may be chosen from fourteen courses in nine departments. Seven of these courses are in the philosophy department.

Professor Cynthia Patterson is in charge of the interdisciplinary Ancient Mediterranean Studies Program.


**Collections**

**Language, Chronology and Geographical Focus**

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.

Chronology: Ancient to Contemporary.

Geographic Areas: Most of the collection is from the United States and Europe.

Date of Publications: Currently most texts added to the collection are new publications.

**Formats Collected**

(Note any preferences for print or online)

**Monographs and Texts/Format**

All our monographs are purchased via standing orders, firm orders, and approval plans. Occasionally, e-texts have area also purchased based on faculty and graduate students’ research and teaching needs. As is the case with the humanities, researchers prefer print.

**Journals**

Emory University Libraries purchase both print and electronic journals for the study of philosophy.

**Databases & Electronic Resources**

Philosophers use many of the databases and e-resources that Emory Libraries subscribe to. They are listed on the Philosophy subject guide (http://guides.main.library.emory.edu/philosophy)

**Audiovisual Materials**

Requests for AV materials vary depending on the courses taught by faculty.

**Microforms and Government Documents**

Microforms are not a high priority but some texts are available in microform and duplications of original source material have been purchased as microforms in the past.

Government Documents are not a high priority.

**Exclusions**

Textbooks are generally excluded.

**Methods of Acquisition (Approval, Book Fairs, Exclusive Vendors)**

**LC Classifications**

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 11725 (Ethics).
The LC classes covered are as follows:

B 1 – 5802
BC 1 – 199
BD 10 – 701
BH 1 – 301
BJ 1 – 2195

BM (Covered by Tarina Rosen and the librarians at the Pitts Theology Library as appropriate)

BP (Covered by Neda Zeraatkar)

BQ (Covered by Ellen Ambrosone)

BL, BR, BS, BT, BX, BV (Mostly covered by Pitts Theology Library. Subject librarian buys additional copies for Woodruff (based on requests by faculty or students)

Other important areas include JC (political theory), HX (socialism, communism, anarchism), Q175 (philosophy of science), P101-120 (philosophy of language).

Approval Plans

GOBI (US and UK)
Amalivre/Aux Amateurs (French)
Harrassowitz (German)
Casalini Libri (Italian)
Erasmus (Dutch and French)

Related Collections and Library Resources

Other Emory Libraries whose collections might be relevant to Philosophy include:

- Rose Library and Pitts Special Collections (primary source materials related to major philosophers)
- Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library (Bioethics, Biomedical Ethics)
- Music and Media Library (Aesthetics) and
- Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library (Legal Philosophy)