

PROGRAM IN MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY

The Program in Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy is dedicated to the study of European philosophy from roughly the 16th century to the present, including Early Modern philosophy (as practiced on the Continent and in the British Isles), Kant and German Idealism, and 19th and 20th century European Philosophy with a special emphasis on 19th and 20th century Continental Philosophy in both the French and the German traditions. The program aims to foster interactions between faculty and graduate students across the university who are interested in European Philosophy and to provide an integrated course of study for graduate students wishing to specialize in any of the areas listed above. For a detailed description of the requirements for the concentration in European Philosophy for philosophy PhD. students, see below.

In addition to offering three or four graduate seminars per year, the Program in Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy sponsors a workshop series featuring three meetings per semester, at which papers by invited guest speakers are discussed in an informal setting. Students on the European Philosophy track are expected to acquire advanced proficiency in the foreign language most relevant to their chosen dissertation topic by making use of the many excellent advanced language learning opportunities provided by the various foreign language departments at Notre Dame. Students are also strongly encouraged to spend their fourth year of study in a European country to perfect their language skills and to take advantage of the resources available there that can aid them in their dissertation projects, including archives, special libraries, and outstanding professors working in their field of study. The strength of the philosophy department's

core faculty of the Program in Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy is supplemented by many other faculty members in the philosophy department and other departments such as English, Political Science, Theology, German, and the Program of Liberal Studies, who also have serious teaching or research interests in European Philosophy.

Core Faculty of the Program in Modern and European European Philosophy: Karl Ameriks, Marian David, Gary Gutting, Anja Jauernig, Lynn Joy, Samuel Newlands, Fred Rush, Stephen Watson.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to the general departmental requirements for all philosophy PhD students, which specify that the 42 required hours of coursework must comprise at least one three-hour course during the first two or three years of study in each of the following areas: Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of Science, and Symbolic Logic, students on the European Philosophy track are required to take at least one three-hour course in each of the following three areas in European Philosophy as part of their 42 credit hours of course work: Early Modern Philosophy (on the Continent and in the British Isles), Kant and German Idealism, and 19th and 20th century European Philosophy. (*Nota bene*: these three requirements are in addition to the departmental requirement in Modern Philosophy.) Students are strongly encouraged to regularly attend the European Philosophy workshop while they are members of the program. Attendance at the workshop is required during each of the first two years of study, and is counted as a

cumulative three-hour course credit at the end of the second year. Students entering the program at a later point in their graduate career can satisfy the workshop requirement by attending the workshop for four semesters in later years of their course of study. Students on the European Philosophy track are expected to take their oral examination on an area in European Philosophy. More specifically, students wishing to write their dissertation on a topic in Early Modern Philosophy, or in Kant and German Idealism, are responsible for the material included on the general Modern reading list of the Program for Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy, and the material included on a special reading list in the student's projected area of specialization compiled by the student in consultation with the student's advisor(s). Students wishing to write their dissertations on a topic in 19th or 20th century European Philosophy are responsible for the material included on the general Continental reading list of the Program for Modern and Contemporary European Philosophy, and the material included on a special reading list in the student's projected area of specialization compiled by the student in consultation with the student's advisor(s).