

Early Entry to MA Program in Ethics and Applied Philosophy
Department of Philosophy, UNC Charlotte

Benefits:

- Students admitted to the Early Entry program in philosophy can double-count 2 graduate courses for both their undergraduate requirements and the graduate program requirements. One of these may be Ethical Theory.
- Early Entry students pay undergraduate tuition for **up to** 15 credit hours of graduate work and would be eligible for undergraduate subsidized loans, which are no longer available to graduate students.
- This can reduce the time to completing a BA+MA degree and may make you more competitive for graduate schools or employment upon graduation.

Admission requirements:

- Philosophy major
- At least 7 courses in philosophy completed or in progress at the time of application.
- At least a 3.5 GPA in the major and 3.2 cumulative GPA at UNC Charlotte (if upon completion of courses in progress the philosophy GPA drops below 3.5, admission to the program may be rescinded).
- Students should have completed at least 75 credit hours of undergrad work prior to admission to the graduate program, and at least 90 credit hours before taking first graduate course.

Continuing requirements:

- Students must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative undergrad GPA, or be dropped from the graduate program.
- Students must complete baccalaureate degree before enrolling in more than 15 hours of graduate work.

Of note:

- Students in the Early Entry program are not eligible for Graduate Assistantships until they complete the undergraduate degree.
- Early Entry students on financial aid:
 - Undergraduate financial aid will only cover courses that are undergraduate courses (1000-4000 level) or graduate courses that you are double-counting towards your BA.
 - Financial aid requires enrollment in 12 credit hours/semester at the undergraduate level (including double-counted courses) to qualify for the full financial aid award.
 - Therefore, in any given semester, any graduate level courses you take that are NOT counting towards your BA will not be covered by financial aid and may result in a reduced total financial aid award unless you are already taking 12 credit hours.
 - NOTE: financial aid might particularly be an issue in your final semester of the BA program, when you may have only 1 or 2 courses to take to complete your BA. DO NOT try to 'top off' your credit hours with graduate-level-only courses or you will not receive financial aid that semester.

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