

I.U. Philosophy Department
Petition for Certification: SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS

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Part I. Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Area for Certification: **M&E and Logic** **History of Philosophy** **Value Theory**

Name of the Area Committee Chair: _____

Course Number	Course Title/Description of Unit	Professor	Semester & Year	Grade

Comments _____

Part II. Member of the Area Committee

I have verified the above information and believe that the student has satisfied the Specialization Requirements. Please let me know your views about granting the student's petition. Thank you!

Part III. Final Approval

The petition is accepted on _____

Signature of the Area Committee Chair _____

Return completed form to: Graduate Program Coordinator

Specialization Requirement

Concentration Requirements

Concentration requirements in each of the four areas are defined below. Unless stated otherwise, courses used to satisfy the distribution requirements in an area will count toward the concentration requirements for that area. A student must achieve an average of A- in the courses that count towards the Concentration Requirement.

- **Metaphysics and Epistemology: (Four units)** Four courses from at least three different sub-areas. At least two of the four courses must be on the list of automatically approved courses below. At most one P590 will count toward the M & E Concentration Requirement, with high standards (for M & E area centrality, rigor and breadth of reading, and written work). At most one course outside the philosophy department (including courses taken at an institution other than Indiana University) will count, with high standards (for clear philosophical content, M & E area centrality, rigor and breadth of reading, and written work). (The caliber of the department at another institution at which a course is taken will be an important consideration in granting petitions for approval of courses taken in other institutions.)
- **Logic: (Four units)** Students concentrating in this area are required to do the following: (i) Take at least four courses in logic/formal areas of philosophy. (Note: P505 will not count for the requirement.) These courses must be well distributed; students are advised to consult the Logic Committee to ensure this. (ii) Show mastery of the material of P505/506. This requirement will be deemed as satisfied if a student has taken courses equivalent to P505/P506 with a grade of A- or better.
- **History of Philosophy: (Four units)** The history units are as defined above, except that the "wild card" is not an option here. Students specializing in history must pass four regular history units, at least one in each of the four historical periods.

In addition to the automatically approved courses listed below, P710 can count for any of the periods, depending on its content. Students must seek approval for P710 from the History Area Committee, and the Area Committee will decide whether the course counts based on course content and the student's competence in the philosophy of the relevant period. Other courses may be counted depending on Committee approval.

- **Value Theory: (Four units)** Four courses. At least one course should be P540, P541, or P740. At least one course should be in aesthetics, political philosophy, or philosophy of law. Students must take two or more courses in a single sub-area known as "the field of emphasis," and no more than one course in the field of emphasis may be taken outside the philosophy department. Students may petition to substitute a course not on the list of automatically approved courses below, but there is no presumption that any other courses will count.

Instructions

Please fill out Part I of the application and give the form to the appropriate Area Committee Chair. Please provide evidence that you have satisfied **all** the specialization requirements in the area of your petition. And please observe the requirements stated above on P590s and courses given in other departments.