



## Master of Arts in Humanities

# PHILOSOPHY

- Practical Philosophy
- Theoretical Philosophy
- Philosophy of Science
- History of Philosophy

### Why Philosophy?

The 2-year Master's Programme in philosophy familiarises students with one or more sub-areas of philosophy. It offers an excellent opportunity to students who are interested in pursuing a PhD in philosophy, but it also prepares students for many other kinds of intellectual enterprises.

We welcome students with a background in philosophy as well as students from other disciplines who have an interest in the philosophical issues raised by those disciplines. For example, a student of linguistics could enroll and study philosophy of language, mathematicians can study the philosophy of mathematics or logic, biologists and medical students can work on medical ethics and bioethics, chemists and physicists have important topics to address within philosophy of science.

- **No tuition fee.** All successful candidates will receive tuition-waiving scholarships. They will also be considered for a monthly stipend.
- **International staff.** Courses are taught by international and Estonian faculty. In addition, leading philosophers from all over the world regularly teach compact seminars and master classes.
- **International conferences and workshops.**
- **Real "hands-on" research experience.** Every Master's student will be working in a team of senior and junior researchers.



**Laura Kalda**  
(Estonia)

*I really loved the freedom – the possibility to create my own curriculum with the help of my supervisor. I was also very happy with my supervisor, and enjoyed the seminars held in small groups, especially the reading groups. Working in small groups is clearly an advantage in studying philosophy; one feels the individual approach on every step. The teachers were helpful and encouraged the students to make an effort. My skills of analytic reading and writing have improved immensely.*

*(Laura finished the master programme in 2011, currently works as a Specialist of Public Policy at the Student Council of the University of Tartu.)*



**Daniel Cohnitz (Dr. phil)**  
Head of the Chair of  
Philosophy

*During the past fifty years, philosophy has seen an increase in the specialization of its sub-disciplines as well as an increase in international and interdisciplinary collaboration. At an early stage of their careers, young researchers are expected to be familiar with state of the art work in their field and to be fit for teamwork. At Tartu, we endorse the positive aspects of that development and have integrated them into our curriculum. Your involvement in a team of junior and senior researchers as you work on your Master's project, and your interaction with leading philosophers from around the world who visit our workshops, or teach compact seminars in our department, will serve as a great preparation for your philosophical career.*

### WHY TARTU:

- University of Tartu is ranked **in the top 3% in the world** (THE 2013–2014 World University Rankings).
- Tartu is a **student town** – 20% of the population are students.
- Students live in **modern residence halls**.
- **Free wireless internet** almost everywhere.
- International students rate Estonia as **the #1 place to stay** (Erasmus Student Network Survey).

## Curriculum structure:

**General module** (15 ECTS)

**Speciality module** (69 ECTS)

Students choose between the 4 specialisation modules below:

1. Specialisation in History of Philosophy (69 ECTS)
2. Specialisation in Practical Philosophy (69 ECTS)
3. Specialisation in Philosophy of Science (69 ECTS)
4. Specialisation in Theoretical Philosophy (69 ECTS)

**Optional module** (6 ECTS)

**MA Thesis** (30 ECTS)

### General module:

1. MA Seminar (12 ECTS)
2. Philosophical Methodology (3 ECTS).

### Speciality module:

1. Specialisation Course I (18 ECTS)
2. Specialisation Course II (18 ECTS)
3. Specialisation Course III (18 ECTS)
4. Research Seminar (9 ECTS)
5. Practice (6 ECTS)

**Master's thesis:** students have to write and defend MA thesis in the field of their specialisation.

**Elective courses:** can be chosen from courses which are currently available at the University of Tartu.

**Language of instruction:** English

**Programme duration:** 2 years (three semesters of study, and one semester for writing the Master's thesis).

## Address for inquiries:

### International Student Service

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### Department of Philosophy

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## General admission requirements:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in social sciences, natural sciences or humanities.
- English language requirement: applicants for whom English is not a native language need to provide proof of English language proficiency (TOEFL iBT 69, IELTS 5.5 etc.).

## Application process:

Submit the online application. The form is available at [www.ut.ee/apply-master](http://www.ut.ee/apply-master). You will receive an automated confirmation of your online application submission with login information to track your application status.

Mail the required and properly prepared documents by the indicated deadline to: **International Student Service, University of Tartu, Ülikooli 18, Tartu 50090, Estonia.**

Applicants will receive confirmation upon receipt of their application and its status. Only complete applications will be considered by the Admission Commission and students accepted into the programme will be notified of their admission by 3 June at latest.

## Documents to be submitted:

- Online application;
- A writing sample;
- Motivation letter – guidelines and evaluation criteria are included in the online application form;
- Official copy of the Bachelor's diploma or its equivalent and Diploma Supplement (transcript/grade list) in the original language;
- Official translation of the Bachelor's diploma and Diploma Supplement into English, translation certified;
- Proof of English language proficiency. Detailed information on accepted tests and scores is available at [ut.ee/requirements](http://ut.ee/requirements);
- Copy of applicant's valid identification document.

## Application deadline: April 16

★ Applicants in the process of graduating, with diplomas issued later than the set deadlines (e.g., in July), must submit the application form and the most recent Transcript of Records by the required deadline.

## Tuition fees and scholarships:

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★ Publications are meant for informational purposes only. Please refer to the university website for current official information.