November 26, 2007

To: Lowell Gallagher, Co-Chair, Graduate Council Committee on Degree Programs
   James Gober, Co-Chair, Graduate Council Committee on Degree Programs

FROM: Ross Shideler, Associate Dean

RE: Proposal for a concurrent degree program, Ph.D. in Philosophy and J.D. in Law and a specialization in Law for the Philosophy Ph.D. program

The Graduate Division reviewed the enclosed proposal for a concurrent degree program, Ph.D. in Philosophy and J.D. in Law and a specialization in Law for the Philosophy Ph.D. program. We have the following observations:

• Letters of approval and support from the Dean of the School of Law and the Chair of Philosophy are included.
• The Philosophy vote was 16 eligible, 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions
• The Law vote was 66 eligible, 40 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions
• Anticipated enrollment for the concurrent program is defined as one student every two or three years
• The proposal indicates that no additional resources are required because both programs and the courses involved already exist
• For the concurrent program, students are allowed to count three courses from Law toward the Ph.D. degree
• Philosophy Ph.D. students who pursue the specialization are required to complete four Law courses

The proposal presents an argument for the concurrent degree program "to train some of the nation's most promising legal philosophers." The argument for the specialization is based on current Ph.D. students' interest in law "as evidenced by the high attendance at our legal theory workshop, cross-enrollment in law courses, and the number of graduate students entering our program with J.D. degrees."

If the Committee finds the proposal satisfactory it votes to recommend it to the Graduate Council, which has final approval for concurrent and articulated degree programs.

Encl.

cc: Jan Reiff, Chair, Graduate Council
    Gaby Solomon, Policy Analyst. Academic Senate/Graduate Council
The School of Law and Philosophy Department would like to establish a joint Philosophy Ph.D./Law J.D. program and an optional specialization in law and philosophy. Attached are the necessary documents to move these programs forward. We are hoping these could be reviewed by the Graduate Council as soon as possible so that current students may opt for the new requirements. Please let me know if there is anything else we need to do at this time.
Hi Dan,

The vote was by email. It took place on December 15 and 16, 2005. There were 14 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 0 abstentions. The number eligible to vote was 16.

Please let me know if there is additional information that is needed.

Thanks,
Anna

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Dear Sean and Anna:

It appears that everything is in order with this proposal with the exception of one item. The Graduate Council now requires very specific information on the faculty's vote on any proposal submitted. Please see the details in the attached email that was sent out by Graduate Council at the end of the last academic year. The letters from Law and Philosophy do not include this level of specificity on the faculty voting required under the new policy. However, your files should contain this information, i.e., you know how many faculty were eligible to vote and you should have some records of the ayes, nayes, and abstentions on the proposal (in Philosophy's case it sounds as if it was all ayes). If you could review your files on the voting and give us the required specific information for Law and Philosophy by Monday or Tuesday, this item could be on the agenda of the Committee on Degree Program on November 30. Email responses with this information are fine.

Thanks,
Dan

Hi Dan,

We were able to dig up a little more detail about the vote. In spring of 2007, there were 66 faculty members of the Academic Senate who were eligible to vote. Of the 66 members, 40 faculty were in attendance at the May 10, 2007 meeting. The faculty voted to approve the Law & Philosophy proposal at that meeting by open majority vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of the proposal: there were no votes against the proposal and no abstentions. A list of the faculty present is attached.

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Dear Sean:

That same statement is in the proposal but the information is not specific enough for the Graduate Council. See specific vote information needed in the attached. Without the information, the proposal cannot be considered at this week's meeting.

Dan

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Roger Savage, Chair
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Dear Professor Savage,

I am writing to inform the Graduate Council that on May 10, 2007, the faculty of the School of Law overwhelmingly approved the attached proposal for a joint JD/Ph.D. degree program with the Department of Philosophy. This joint degree Program in Law and Philosophy will allow students with specialized interests in the field to capitalize on the extraordinary faculty resources that are available in both departments of Law and Philosophy.

The joint degree program is part of a broader program in law and philosophy that offers a unique form of collaboration between the Philosophy Department and the Law School, and makes our offerings richer than any other school in the nation. The law school will offer both a specialization in Law and Philosophy and the joint JD/Ph.D. program. We anticipate admitting (at most) an average of one student to the joint degree program every two or three years. The joint degree program will be particularly attractive students who want to explore a career in academia. It will place UCLA in a position to train some of the nation’s most promising legal philosophers. Furthermore, the proposal integrates the two degree programs in such a way that no significant additional resources are required from either school to support the joint degree program.

This letter is requesting formal approval of this joint degree program from the Graduate Council effective fall 2007. Since both degree programs currently exist, we would like to extend the opportunity to join the program to students who are currently enrolled in either the J.D. or Philosophy Ph.D. program. We would like the program to be effective fall 2008 for new applicants. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please contact Seana Shiffrin, the Faculty Director.

Sincerely,

Michael Schill
Dean and Professor of Law
MEMORANDUM

September 6, 2007

TO: Daniel J. Bennett, Assistant Dean
Graduate Admissions/Student and Academic Affairs

FR: Donald Martin, Chair Philosophy Department

RE: Proposal for changes to the Graduate Degree Requirements — Specialization and Joint Degree in Law and Philosophy

The Philosophy department would like to propose two changes to our program requirements:
1. Establish an optional specialization in law and philosophy
2. Establish a joint Philosophy Ph.D./Law J.D. program

Please see the attached proposal for a detailed description of the specialization and joint program requirements, the rationale for the changes, and the impact to the department of Philosophy and the Law School. Please also see the attached letter from the Law School indicating enthusiastic support for the changes recommended in our proposal. The Philosophy Department similarly supports the Law School’s proposal to begin a specialization in the J.D. program in law and philosophy.

The faculty voted on both the specialization and joint program proposals in March 2007. The vote in each case was unanimous. While no formal student input was obtained, interested graduate students were informally consulted. We believe students will be highly enthusiastic about the specialization and the joint degree program as evidenced by the high attendance at our legal theory workshops, cross-enrollment in law courses, and the number of graduate students entering our program with J.D. degrees.

The changes are to be effective as soon as possible. Current students may opt for the new requirements.

Contacts for this proposal: Seana Shifferin, Professor of Philosophy and Law, x565464) and Anna Laven, SAO (alaven@humnet.ucla.edu, x61356).
Proposal for a UCLA Law and Philosophy Program

Our faculty has a tradition of strength in law and philosophy and the two departments enjoy a close connection. Three members of the law school are cross-appointed in philosophy; we have an active emeritus who has been appointed in both departments; three other faculty members have doctorates in philosophy; and at least four other faculty members have advanced degrees in related fields; more still do research that draws on legal theory and philosophy. Our faculty enjoys an enviable depth and breadth in the field.

We propose to create a program in law and philosophy to highlight our strength in this field and to make better use of our resources. A well-developed, multi-faceted curricular program would enhance our public profile and help to recruit both law students with theoretical interests as well as philosophy graduate students with an interest in law. This would in turn enrich the intellectual community and create a critical mass of students and faculty working in the area. The program would also aim to enrich our efforts to help students interested in academia by providing them deeper training in a significant approach to law; it would also offer interested law students a springboard to graduate programs.

We propose to enrich the offerings and opportunities for students in philosophy and students in law in a variety of ways, beginning in 2007-8.

Although a part of our proposal is to create a joint J.D./Ph.D. program, we think such programs only work well within the context of a larger culture of students and faculty who actively work in the area. We also recognize that a joint degree program of that sort only serves a handful of students with particularly avid interests. We seek to create a program that will serve the needs and interests of students who do not want to specialize so completely but nonetheless could benefit from further work in the field. This multi-faceted approach would make good use of our resources, mark a unique form of collaboration between the Philosophy Department and the Law School, and would make our offerings richer than those of any other school in the country.

Funding would come from the campus, the Law School, the Philosophy Department, and the College of Letters and Science.

We propose that a Program for Law and Philosophy be created that will administer the programs detailed below. A core group of faculty members will be associated with it. One faculty member will be appointed to run the Program each year. Among other responsibilities, that faculty member will serve as academic counselor to students enrolled in the specializations described. Students with requests, petitions, and problems that relate to the specialization should consult that person.

1. School of Law Specialization in Philosophy:
We propose that the UCLA School of Law create a specialization in Law and Philosophy for its law students. It would allow those students interested in philosophical issues about the law and not subject to special requirements as a result of academic performance at the conclusion of the
first year of study or at any time thereafter to participate in a community of like-minded others and to receive some official recognition of their focused efforts on their transcript and diploma.

We propose the following requirements for earning a specialization in Law and Philosophy:

To earn a specialization in Law and Philosophy, students must finish a coursework requirement and a written work requirement as spelled out in (A) and (B) below.

A. Coursework: To earn a specialization, students must complete four law courses (of at least two semester units each) from the following lists with a grade of B or better in each qualifying course. At least two of the courses must come from the Core List. (These lists may be updated by the faculty affiliated with the Program as new courses are added.) The other two courses may come from the list of other qualifying courses or may be satisfied by another relevant course by petition. The Core List consists of courses that are or will be frequently offered. They will usually be taught by members of the faculty who have special expertise in the area of Law and Philosophy, drawing on foundational materials and methodologies of the subject. Students enrolled in the specialization would have priority enrollment for courses on the Core List but not for the courses on the qualifying list.

Core List:

Introduction to Legal Philosophy (strongly recommended) (This course will eventually have its own course number but for now is listed under Law M217 (Philosophy M256)) (to be offered annually)

Legal Theory Workshop (strongly recommended - may be taken twice but only counted once toward the fulfillment of the Core List requirement) Law 555 (to be offered annually)

Constitutional Rights and Individual Autonomy Law 200

Topics in Legal Philosophy Law M217 (Philosophy M256)

Issues in Legal Theory Law 314

Issues in Legal Theory – Freedom of Speech Law 314

Other Qualifying Courses

Critical Race Theory Law 266
Seminar: Morality of Capital Punishment Law 503B
Seminar: Criminal Law Excuse Theory Law 503C
Seminar: Legal Philosophy – Feminist Contributions Law 524A
Seminar: Intellectual Property Theory Law 530
Seminar: Critical Race Theory Law 553A
Seminar: Feminist Legal Theory Law 555B
Students are encouraged to petition to apply up to two graduate courses offered by the philosophy department in lieu of courses from either list. Advance approval from the instructor and the faculty member in charge of the Program must be obtained. Any such courses taken will count towards the two outside courses permitted pursuant to the Law School’s Summary of Academic Standards.

Other law school courses from time to time will have a strong emphasis on theoretical issues, e.g. Ethics of the Legal Profession. Students may also petition to have such a course or an appropriate course in another department (subject to the two outside course limitation mentioned above) counted for credit toward the program requirements.

Students may also petition to take an independent study (Law 340) in lieu of a course. The independent study would be taken in conjunction with or subsequent to taking a non-listed law school course; the independent study would focus on the philosophical issues associated with the non-listed law school course. For instance, a student might do an independent study with a faculty member on the philosophy of torts after completing the first year torts curriculum.

and

B. Written work: To earn the specialization, students must also complete a substantial research paper (20 to 35 pages) on a topic in law and philosophy with a grade of B+ or better. The research paper may represent a development or an extension of work done in a prior class, but, if so, must involve substantial development, revision, and extension sufficient to earn unit credit and satisfy the Law School’s Substantial Analytic Writing requirement.

2. Philosophy Department Specialization in Law:
On the philosophy side, we propose that subject to approval by the Graduate Advisor in Philosophy, the director of the Law and Philosophy Program, and advance consultation with the law school Registrar, philosophy graduate students in their third year or beyond who have academic interests in law and philosophy be permitted to take up to 4 law school courses, including courses in first year subjects. Enrollment in any law school course or seminar will require the consent of the instructor.

Philosophy students would be put in the same priority pool as LL.M. students for such courses. By contrast with LL.M. students, though, faculty approval for student’s enrollment would be required. Philosophy students would not be eligible to enroll in small sections of 1st year courses.

Graduate students taking law school courses may be permitted with instructor consent to write a paper in lieu of taking an exam and, in any case, would not be subject to the curve applied to law students. These courses will not, typically, be counted toward Ph.D.
course requirements, although students may petition the Graduate Advisor for an exception.

Philosophy students who complete 4 law school courses (only one of which may include the legal theory workshop) each for a grade of B or higher, and who write a substantial research paper on law and philosophy would receive a certificate from the department indicating that they have completed a specialization in law and philosophy.

3. Joint JD/PhD Program
We also propose that the law school and the philosophy department offer a Law and Philosophy Joint J.D. /Ph.D. Program. We imagine admitting (at most) an average of one student every two to three years.

Admissions

Candidates for the joint program must apply separately and be accepted to both the Law School J.D. program and the philosophy Ph.D. Candidates should indicate their interest in the joint program in the space provided for that purpose on the application forms for each program.

Candidates who have indicated interest in the joint program who are accepted into the J.D. and Ph.D. programs will then be considered for admission into the joint program by the Executive Committee of the joint program. The Executive Committee would consist of the Director of the Program and one (additional) member of the Philosophy Department, to be appointed by the Chair of the Philosophy Department.

Students already admitted into one program may apply thereafter to the other.

Requirements

Candidates for the joint program must complete all requirements for both degrees. As described below, however, a limited number of philosophy courses will be counted toward the J.D. requirements, and a limited number of law school courses will be counted toward the Ph.D.

Coursework

The J.D. normally takes 3 years. The Ph.D. normally takes 6-7 years. The joint program enables the candidate to receive both degrees in approximately eight years, depending on how long it takes to complete the dissertation.

The standard program could follow one of many paths. In the typical case, the student would be expected to focus solely on philosophy for the first year of the philosophy graduate program and solely on law for the first year of the law program. Thereafter, the student could take courses in both schools during the calendar year. Another option would be for the student do the first year of law school followed by the first year of
graduate school. Yet another option would be for a student to complete the first two years of graduate school before beginning their legal studies or vice versa.

Whatever the path, the student's philosophy coursework and Proposition (a required, substantial pre-dissertation writing project) must be completed before beginning the dissertation. It is recommended that at least 2/3 of the student's law coursework, be completed before the student embarks on the dissertation.

Students enrolled in the program may apply up to three law school courses from an approved list towards 3 of the elective course requirements in philosophy. Up to three courses in philosophy from an approved list (with appropriately converted units) toward credit may be applied to the law degree. Students enrolled in the program normally will not be permitted to apply any additional non-law school courses toward the fulfillment of the J.D. requirements. If the student's Proposition in the Philosophy Department is on a subject pertaining to law and philosophy, the student may petition to have the paper applied toward the law school's written work requirement if it meets the Substantial Analytical Writing requirement guidelines.

Students may therefore save roughly a year's work of coursework by pursuing the joint program. This means that students will be able to complete the coursework and pre-dissertation portion of the joint program in approximately 5 years, and complete the program in 8 years. The degree for each program is to be awarded separately upon completion of the course work for that program plus applicable coursework from the second program. Thus, students need not complete their dissertation prior to receiving their J.D. degree.

Dissertation

Students in the joint program will write a dissertation on a suitable topic related to law and philosophy.

An important part of the proposal would be to bring high quality and exciting scholars and students to the Program on a temporary basis. Doing so would help to create a lively intellectual culture, would contribute to the program's national and international prominence, and would enrich the program's curricular offerings.

There are a variety of options for bringing such people to the Program. Here are some possibilities depending on the resources available.

a. The Program would offer a nationally competitive, two-year postdoctoral fellowship (involving the teaching of one course a year) to be awarded every two years.

b. The Program would enable philosophy professors who are pre-tenure or within three years of tenure who have a serious interest in legal problems to spend a year at UCLA School of Law. Such visitors would unofficially audit basic law school courses and would also participate in the legal theory colloquium and engage in research. Such a program could both enrich the
intellectual life of the Philosophy Department and the law school more generally by bringing talented academics to UCLA. It could provide philosophers with the legal training necessary to pursue issues in law and philosophy. (We know of two recent examples of established philosophy professors who have spent a year in law school for this purpose.). Such a program could also naturally be expanded to disciplines other than philosophy.

c. The Program would occasionally invite visiting professors to spend a term or a year teaching at UCLA.

d. The Program would host a major lecture in law and philosophy every two years.
The Department of Philosophy offers the Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in Philosophy.

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Leading to the degree of M.A., Ph.D.

The Philosophy department admits only those who plan to earn the Ph.D. degree. The M.A. degree may be earned while completing requirements for the Ph.D.

Admission Limited to Fall

Deadline to apply January 10th

GRE (General and/or Subject), TSE, TWE

GRE: General (the subject test in Philosophy is not required)

Letters of Recommendation

3, on the official forms

In addition to the University's minimum requirements and those listed above, all applicants are expected to submit sample work, and a statement of purpose.

Other Requirements

Applicants expecting to be out of town during March or the first half of April should provide a telephone number (or numbers) where they may be reached.

Philosophy, Ph.D./Law, J.D.

The Philosophy program and the School of Law offer a concurrent degree.
program whereby students may pursue the Ph.D. and the Juris Doctor degrees at the same time. For admission, applicants are required to satisfy the regular admission requirements of both schools. Applications may be submitted simultaneously or previously admitted students in one program may later elect to apply for the concurrent degree. Applicants interested in the program should contact the Director of the Law and Philosophy program.

Master's Degree

Advising

The purpose of the departmental advising program is three-fold: (1) to ensure that students are aware of all the relevant requirements, opportunities, safeguards, perils, and prospects; (2) to assist students in making normal progress toward the degree through a regular sequence of steps; and (3) to provide intellectual guidance and advice in the area of the students' interest. Advising for first-year students begins with an orientation meeting held during the first week of Fall Quarter. Students are encouraged to consult the graduate adviser of the department at any time and for any academic purpose.

Areas of Study

Consult the department.

Foreign Language Requirement

Students must demonstrate a reading knowledge of French, German, Latin, or Greek. When relevant to a student's research, another language may be substituted with the consent of the department. This requirement can be satisfied in any of the ways in which the Ph.D. language requirement can be satisfied.

Course Requirements

For the M.A. degree, students must complete, with grades of B or better, at least nine upper division or graduate courses (36 units), excluding Philosophy 199, of which five courses (20 units) must be in the Philosophy 200 series, numbered between 200A and 290. The total course requirement must include Philosophy 200A-200B-200C and one designated course in logic. Students should consult the Manual for Graduate Students in Philosophy for the list of designated courses. Courses in the 500 series may not be applied toward the course requirements for the M.A. degree in Philosophy.

Teaching Experience

Not required.

Field Experience

Not required.
Comprehensive Examination Plan

Students working toward the M.A. degree must pass the master's comprehensive examination, which consists of three different examinations. One of the three examinations is scheduled after each of the three first-year seminars. The comprehensive examination is passed or failed as a whole; this does not necessarily require passing of all three parts. In case of failure, the examination may be repeated. Students should consult the Manual for Graduate Students in Philosophy for further information about this examination.

Thesis Plan

None.

Time-to-Degree

Full-time students with no deficiencies upon admission to graduate status in the department should be able to complete the M.A. requirements in three academic quarters.

Doctoral Degree

Advising

The purpose of the departmental advising program is three-fold: (1) to ensure that students are aware of all the relevant requirements, opportunities, safeguards, perils, and prospects; (2) to assist students in making normal progress toward the degree through a regular sequence of steps; and (3) to provide intellectual guidance and advice in the area of the students' interest. Advising for first-year students begins with an orientation meeting held during the first week of Fall Quarter. Students are encouraged to consult the graduate adviser of the department at any time and for any academic purpose.

Major Fields or Subdisciplines

Consult the department.

Foreign Language Requirement

Students must demonstrate a reading knowledge of French, German, Latin, or Greek. When relevant to a student's doctoral research, another language may be substituted with the consent of the department. Students may satisfy this requirement by completing, with a grade of C or better, the final course in a two-year sequence of college courses in an approved language. Alternatively, the requirement may be satisfied by passing a graduate reading sequence in French or German at UCLA or the equivalent course(s) elsewhere, or by passing the department language examination. Completion of the foreign language requirement is not required for admission to the doctoral program but under University policy is required before advancement to candidacy.

Course Requirements

A Ph.D. candidate must complete, with a grade of B or better, the three first-year seminars, plus 11
Logic. Students must pass a departmental examination in logic, at the level of Philosophy 21 and 22. They must also take one upper division or graduate course in logic by the end of the first year, unless preparatory work for the departmental examination is necessary: either Philosophy 135A or one other designated course in either the Philosophy or Mathematics Department. Students should consult the Manual for Graduate Students in Philosophy for the list of designated courses.

History of Philosophy. Two graduate courses in history of philosophy, at least one of which must be a graduate seminar, plus enough graduate or undergraduate courses (taken here or elsewhere) to make up an equivalent of Philosophy 100A-100B-100C. Specifically, each student must have studied (or now study) Plato, Aristotle, some important medieval philosopher, Descartes, some British empiricist, and Kant.

Ethics and Value Theory. One graduate-level course.

Metaphysics and Epistemology. One graduate-level course.

Special Area Requirement. One designated graduate course in one of two areas: metaphysics and epistemology or ethics. Students should consult the Manual for Graduate Students in Philosophy for further details.

Electives. As many courses as needed to fulfill the requirement of 11 additional upper division or graduate philosophy courses.

Group classification of a course is generally given by its catalog listing, but final classification of a course is determined by the instructor on the basis of its content and the departmental guidelines. Normally no substitutions for these courses are allowed, but students who have done graduate coursework elsewhere as graduate students may be permitted to substitute previous graduate coursework in exceptional cases.

Students interested in the Law and Philosophy specialization or joint degree should consult with and apply through the Director of the Law and Philosophy program. In order to specialize in Law and Philosophy, students must complete four law courses (of at least two semester units each) with a grade of B or better in each qualifying course. Students should consult with the Director for a list of approved courses. Students must also complete a substantial research paper on a topic in law and philosophy.

Philosophy, Ph.D./Law, JD

Three law courses from an approved list may be double-counted toward the elective course requirements for the PhD degree. Students should consult with the Director of the Law and Philosophy program regarding course selection.

Teaching Experience

A teaching requirement of three quarters of teaching assistant experience while enrolled in Philosophy 375 is required for the Ph.D. degree.
Written and Oral Qualifying Examinations

Academic Senate regulations require all doctoral students to complete and pass University written and oral qualifying examinations prior to doctoral advancement to candidacy. Also, under Senate regulations the University oral qualifying examination is open only to the student and appointed members of the doctoral committee. In addition to University requirements, some graduate programs have other pre-candidacy examination requirements. What follows in this section is how students are required to fulfill all of these requirements for this doctoral program.

The department does not require a separate written examination to be passed by students as a condition of advancement to doctoral candidacy. It does, however, require each student to take all three parts of the master's comprehensive examination by the end of the student's first year (according to the description and schedule given above) to give the department evidence of proficiencies and deficiencies. This examination therefore serves as the doctoral written qualifying examination. For advancement to candidacy, students must pass a preliminary oral qualifying examination as described below.

In the second and third years, students must satisfy two special area requirements: one in metaphysics and epistemology and one in ethics. Students must take one specially designated graduate course in one of the two areas and write a paper prepared in accordance with a specific format called a "proposition" in the other area. The special course requirement in either metaphysics and epistemology or in ethics should be completed in the second year, and the proposition requirement covering the remaining area should be completed in the third year. Students should consult the Manual for Graduate Students in Philosophy for further details.

In the fourth year, students begin a new series of individual studies courses (Philosophy 596) in consultation with the dissertation supervisor to develop a well-defined dissertation project. A doctoral committee is chosen and the University Oral Qualifying Examination is scheduled. The primary purpose of this examination is to determine whether the student is able to complete the dissertation successfully. The scope of the examination varies according to the definiteness of the dissertation topic and the extent of the student's preliminary investigations. In case of failure, the doctoral committee makes a recommendation for or against allowing a second oral examination.

Advancement to Candidacy

Students are advanced to candidacy and awarded the Candidate in Philosophy (C.Phil.) degree upon successful completion of the written and oral qualifying examinations.

Doctoral Dissertation

Every doctoral degree program requires the completion of an approved dissertation that demonstrates the student's ability to perform original, independent research and constitutes a distinct contribution to knowledge in the principal field of study.

Final Oral Examination (Defense of Dissertation)

Not required for all students in the program. The decision as to whether a defense is required is made by the
Time-to-Degree

Full-time students with no deficiencies upon admission to graduate status in the department should be able to complete the requirements for the Ph.D. degree in 18 academic quarters. The normative time-to-degree is six years.

*Philosophy, Ph.D./Law, JD*

The normative time-to-degree is eight years.

Termination of Graduate Study and Appeal of Termination

*University Policy*

A student who fails to meet the above requirements may be recommended for termination of graduate study. A graduate student may be disqualified from continuing in the graduate program for a variety of reasons. The most common is failure to maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average (3.00) required by the Academic Senate to remain in good standing (some programs require a higher grade point average). Other examples include failure of examinations, lack of timely progress toward the degree and poor performance in core courses. Probationary students (those with cumulative grade point averages below 3.00) are subject to immediate dismissal upon the recommendation of their department. University guidelines governing termination of graduate students, including the appeal procedure, are outlined in *Standards and Procedures for Graduate Study at UCLA*.

*Special Departmental or Program Policy*

None.