

MA in Practical Philosophy & Applied Ethics
Department of Philosophy
University of North Florida

PHI 6942 GRADUATE MASTERS INTERNSHIP IN PHILOSOPHY

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE TERM IN WHICH
THE INTERNSHIP WORK IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN

1. The Masters of Arts (MA) in Practical Philosophy & Applied Ethics

The MA in Practical Philosophy and Applied Ethics seeks to foster application of ethical and philosophical knowledge to concerns in social, political, economic, and cultural life. Its primary objective is to offer practically oriented but philosophically grounded expertise in ethics and normative theory generally. The program provides training in the ethical decision-making, cultural understanding, and analytic reasoning needed to address the dilemmas that increasingly confront present and future professionals and policy makers as well as citizens generally. The program is designed to ensure that its graduates possess command of the basic subfields of philosophy as well as a specialized knowledge of their applications in medicine, business, education, law or other areas of public life

2. Idea and Goal of the Internship

The internship represents one of two ways in which students may complete the requirements of the MA in Practical Philosophy & Applied Ethics” (a thesis being the other one). The internship is designed to be of benefit to the MA program and the community partner alike. On the one hand, it provides a UNF graduate student in applied ethics with a unique opportunity to relate ethical ideas and philosophical knowledge to issues as they emerge in real world settings. On the other hand, it furnishes the community partner with a dedicated, knowledgeable and well trained individual committed to addressing moral issues in a concrete setting and eager to advance the organization’s goals and objectives.

The internship is a continuous one-semester experience pursued by the student under the supervision of a faculty member with expertise in the student’s chosen area of applied ethics. To qualify for the internship, the student must:

- complete required courses including advanced work in the appropriate field of practical philosophy or applied ethics, and
- submit a written internship proposal, to be approved by the faculty supervisor, the graduate coordinator, department chair, and a representative of the host organization.

Responsibilities of the intern include site-specific participation in activities of the organization and regular meetings with the faculty supervisor. At the conclusion of the internship, the student will prepare, and defend before a Philosophy Department committee, a formal report addressing the ethical and wider philosophical issues encountered and occasioned by the internship. Responsibilities of the host institution include the assignment and supervision of tasks and activities consonant with the project goals as specified in the student’s approved proposal.

3. Internship Proposal

The student should prepare one copy of this form in consultation with an instructor who has agreed to supervise the internship and the representative of the host institution. The student

should sign a copy, obtain the signature of the host representative, and then deliver it to the internship instructor/advisor. The instructor then signs and delivers to the Graduate Coordinator, who in turn signs and delivers to the Philosophy Department Chairperson for approval. The completed form must be accompanied by an internship proposal.

Completion of this course includes successful defense of the internship before an internship committee, to be selected by the student and supervisor and approved by the chair. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange for an appropriate defense date. For information on department and university timelines for internship submission and graduation requirements, students should consult the Department's *Timetable for Internship Preparation & Submission*, available from the Graduate Coordinator and the office staff.

Prior to preparing and submitting this proposal, the student should secure the agreement of the partner institution that will sponsor the internship. Once the proposal is approved, it may be necessary to establish a formal internship arrangement with the sponsoring institution, and a form for this is on file with the Department.

One copy of this proposal is returned to the instructor and one to the Department office. The student should make a copy for his/her own records.

Student's Name: _____ ID _____

Semester: _____ Year: _____

PROPOSED INTERNSHIP TITLE: _____

PARTNER INSTITUTION: _____

FACULTY ADVISOR: _____

MEMBERS OF THE INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE

Advisor: _____ (initials:)

Reader: _____ (initials:)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT: MA INTERNSHIP PROPOSAL STATEMENT

Attach a 4-6 page proposal detailing the MA internship project. The proposal should describe the aim of the project, its significance, methodology, the particular on-site issue(s) to be investigated, the student's preparation to undertake the project, and the specific arrangements made with the partner institution that will host the internship. A preliminary list of relevant literature should be attached. Content and

methodology should be in accordance with the basic orientation of the MA in Practical Philosophy & Applied Ethics, and should be developed in close cooperation with the MA thesis advisor.

TO BE COMPLETED BY MA INTERNSHIP ADVISOR:

What is the value of this project and its possibilities for success?

What are the student's duties and specific on-site activities with the sponsoring institution?

How will the student's progress be supervised? How often and for how long will you meet?

What is the anticipated timeline for research and defense of the internship?

Submitted by: _____
Student's Signature Date

Approved by: _____
Host Institution's Signature Date

Approved by: _____
Advisor's Signature Date

Approved by: _____
Graduate Coordinator's Signature Date

Approved by: _____
Chairperson's Signature Date

CREDIT HOURS: _____
To be assigned by Department Date