Graduation with Distinction: Philosophy (PHIL)

Procedure for selection of students
The student must have at least a 3.5 GPA in six philosophy courses. Before the end of the junior year, the student must have secured the consent of a faculty member to direct the writing of the senior essay. The director of undergraduate studies will be informed of this before the beginning of the senior year.

Expected product
A senior essay turned in for review in time for notation at graduation is expected.

Evaluation procedure
The student’s committee, or his mentor and two other faculty members in philosophy, will evaluate the student’s paper and conduct an oral examination.

Levels of distinction
The committee’s evaluation of “pass”, “high pass”, or “highest pass” will result in the awarding of Distinction, High Distinction, or Highest Distinction, respectively.

Special courses, other activities required, comments
The student is urged to take a two-semester reading course with his mentor while writing the paper. This is not required, but is of advantage to the student and may be demanded by the mentor.

See Also:

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