

Graduate Grading Standards

The University of Western Ontario

Department of Philosophy

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100 ↑ 95	Work of <i>exceptional</i> quality: approaching, if not already at, professional standards
94 ↑ 90	Work of <i>excellent</i> quality: insightful and creative, solidly grounded in the relevant philosophical traditions, and well argued and defended; sophisticated presentation
89 ↑ 86	Work of <i>superior</i> quality: demonstrably better than expected with respect to research effort, mastery of difficult material, analytical or critical skills, synthesis of perspectives, or originality; polished presentation
85 ↑ 83	Work of <i>good</i> quality: the calibre expected of students in this program
82 ↑ 80	Work of <i>solid</i> quality: demonstrates general competence and philosophical proficiency but could be strengthened in one or more ways
79 ↑ 78	Work of <i>acceptable</i> quality: needs substantial improvement in one or more areas
77 ↑ 70	Work of <i>passable</i> quality: displays sufficient ability and effort to entitle the student to pass the course but is seriously deficient with respect to philosophical background, analytical or critical skills, argumentation, or writing ability
69 ↑	Work of <i>unacceptable</i> quality: requires extensive general improvement to remain in the graduate program