

## CSULB PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT PLACEMENT DATA

Although some data is incomplete, it appears that the Department of Philosophy at Cal State Long Beach has awarded 127 MA degrees since 1988. Of those, fifty-eight (58) graduates chose to apply to doctoral programs, and fifty-three (53, or 91%) of these were admitted to a doctoral program. Forty-five (45) of these were admitted to a PhD program in Philosophy, and seven (7) were admitted to a doctoral program outside of Philosophy. Of those 45, thirty (30, or 67%) were admitted to one or more of the top-fifty PhD programs in the United States (as ranked by *The Philosophical Gourmet Report*). Of the sixty-nine that chose to not apply to PhD programs, at least twenty-one (21, or >30%) chose to instead teach as either Full- and Part-time Adjunct Professors and lecturers in various universities and community colleges around the United States.

Thesis Title	PhD Program
<b>2006-2010 (n=32)</b>	
Dirty Hands, Virtue Ethics, and Consequentialism	Syracuse
Explanations In Biology	Minnesota
A Defense of Donald Davidson's Dissolution to the Problem of Global Skepticism	Utah
A Defense of Mackie's Error Theory	Western Ontario
New Foundations For the Philosophy of Mind	Florida State
A Natural Law Understanding of the Alien Tort Claims Act	UC Irvine
World Making, Exemplification, and Film Adaptations	UCLA (Cinema & Media Studies)
Nietzsche as Cultural Physician	USC (Law School)
n/a	Tulane
The Supervenience Interpretation of Biological Fitness and Scientific Understanding	York
<b>2001-2005 (n=35)</b>	
Musical Ontology and the Epistemological Turn	Indiana
Knowledge of the Mind: A Defense of Descartes Against Malebranche	UC Irvine
A Philosophical Defense of Bilingual Education	UC Irvine
The Fool In Thomas Hobbes's Leviathan	USC
Plantinga's Case Against Naturalism	Purdue
Two Studies of Paul Churchland's Eliminative Materialism	Florida State
Pyrrhonian Skepticism and the Problem of the Criterion	UC Irvine
Trouble in Paradise: The Factual Problem of Minority Rights Justification in Normative Political Theory	UC Irvine
Martin Heidegger: Dwelling and Its Ethical Import	UT Austin (School of Architecture)
Untitled Exam	CSU Long Beach (Ed.D)
Becoming Responsible for Emotion-Motivated Action	SUNY Albany
Untitled Exam	Southampton (UK)
<b>1996-2000 (n=30)</b>	
The Realism-Antirealism Debate and the Big Bang Model in Cosmology	n=30 UC San Diego
Seeing Our Way Through Relativism: Towards an Empirically Robust Solution to Quine's Kuhnian Dilemma	Washington University St. Louis

When Seeing is Believing: Bas Van Fraassen and the Observable/Unobservable Distinction in Science	Toronto
Three Treatments of Scientific Explanation	USC
Overcoming Beauty: Using Will to Power to Shape Authentic Selves	UC Riverside
The Logic and Rationality of Paraconsistency (A Logical Tale of a Priest, Damnable Lies, and Absolution)	UC Riverside
The Realism Debate: Two Interpretations of Quantum Theory	USC
Locke, Nozick, the Descriptive Model of Rights and the Limits to Private Property	SUNY Albany (Political Science)
Vagueness in Language and Law: Blurring the Semantics-Pragmatics Distinction	Ottawa
Plantinga and Warranted Christian Belief: A Probabilistic Defeater Based on Multiple Theistic Extensions of the Extended A/C Model	Purdue
Putnam's Puzzle: An Attempted Exorcism in the Philosophy of Language	UC Santa Barbara
Untitled Exam	UC Santa Barbara
The Contemporary Way to Understand Advanced Technology Aircraft Flight Crew Consciousness	n/a (Systems Engineering)
Can Syntax Account For Meaning? Paul Churchland's Computationalism Versus John Searle's "Chinese Room" Thought Experiment	Rochester
Toward a Phenomenology of Obligation	Boston College
The Role of Cumulative Case Arguments in Theistic and Naturalistic Explanations	UC Irvine

**1991-1995 (n=21)**

Chaos and Complexity Theory and the Free Will/ Determinism Debate	Maryland
Nietzsche and Wittgenstein on Language and Style	Memphis
Paul Churchland and Eliminative Materialism	UC Santa Barbara
n/a	Boston College
Wittgenstein's private language argument and rule scepticism	Claremont Graduate School
Distanciation and Appropriation: Paul Ricoeur's Hermeneutic Phenomenology and the Challenge of Evil	Fordham
Overcoming Nihilism: Nietzsche's Revaluation of All Values	Vanderbilt
A Critical Analysis of Rawlsian Rationality	Claremont Graduate School
Plato's Concept of Dialectic as a Unity	USC (Education)

**1988-1990 (n=9)**

Quine: The nature and implications of indeterminacy and underdetermination	UCLA
The rationality of belief in God: A critical study of Plantinga's God and other minds	Oregon
Showing the Theoretical Fly out of the Realist's Flybottle: Considerations on the Fertility of Scientific Theories	Johns Hopkins
The Meaning of Consciousness	Claremont Graduate School
Untitled Exam	Claremont Graduate School
Aristotle's Treatment of Tucho in the Physics and Ethics	Alberta