

**Fall 2023**  
**School of Philosophy**  
**Ph.D. Reading List Exams**

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

DAY 1: 9 am - 12 noon

DAY 2: 9 am - 12 noon

*Location: TBA*

**2023-24 PH.D. READING LIST COMMITTEE**

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**Please note: Dr. Doolan will be holding a Reading List Exam information session on Fri. 9/8  
from 3pm-4pm in the Aquinas Hall Library**

The deadline to sign up for the exam is Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Late registrations will *not* be accepted. To register, please e-mail Mrs. Maureen Boyle [boyleml@cua.edu](mailto:boyleml@cua.edu) with the list in question. Past exams are available on the website.

**FAQs:**

**1. I plan to take the exam this semester, but I'm not registered for PHIL 998A/B Doctoral Comps in Cardinal Station ... what should I do?** If possible, register before add/drop deadline on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. To register either before or after the deadline, please email [boyleml@cua.edu](mailto:boyleml@cua.edu) so we can give you the appropriate permissions to register.

***Regarding Failed Attempts:*** If you are registered but decide not to take the exam, this will not count as one of your two permitted attempts. However, if you decide not to take the exam after registering to do so, please email [philosophy@cua.edu](mailto:philosophy@cua.edu) prior to the exam registration deadline.

**2. Should I register for 998A, Doctoral Comps with Classes, or 998B, Doctoral Comps without Classes?** Please note that, 99 times out of 100, the answer is 998A, even if you have finished coursework. This is because Cardinal Station counts PHIL 996, Dissertation Research, as a "class." 998B is used in rare occasions for students not enrolled at the School of Philosophy and thus incurs a tuition charge. If you have any questions about which section to enroll in, please email [philosophy@cua.edu](mailto:philosophy@cua.edu)

**3. I'm registered for PHIL 998A/B but I no longer plan to take the exam ... what should I do?** In order for a course NOT to show up on your transcript, you must drop it by the add/drop deadline for that semester. After that, you are still able to withdraw by the withdrawal deadline for that semester, and will receive a "W" on your transcript. If you do nothing at all, then your grade for PHIL 998 will be recorded as "NG"

**4. I have a text I've been studying from, but it isn't on the list of approved editions. I can make a really good case for why I should still be allowed to use it. Who has the power to approve my request to use this text on exam day?** If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the Reading List Exam Committee Chair.

**5. Are there any required texts available for me to access digitally?** Yes! Please log into the Blackboard Organization, "PHIL Reading List Exam Materials," to find some texts required for both Lists One and Two that you can access for free.

**6. How do I get special accommodations for the exam?** Please contact Disability Support Services to make arrangements. You can find more information on their website: <http://dss.cua.edu>

**7. I have a different question that isn't answered above; where can I find the answer to that?** Just contact the Dean's Office!