

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
**RECOMMENDATION**

**NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve a new Graduate Academic Program: Masters in Philosophy.

**SUMMARY**

The proposed Master's degree in Philosophy builds on an existing foundation of graduate coursework in the History and Philosophy department. These courses were created for inclusion in other EMU Master's degree programs that have been in place for some time including programs in Women and Gender Studies and Social Sciences. The graduate program builds on an undergraduate program in philosophy that has grown significantly in the past five years as the philosophy faculty section developed instructional and research foci in: ethics and social justice policy, logic and argumentation, food and environmental issues, and media and film. The degree is interdisciplinary by design with focused course offerings in philosophy and complementary coursework in cognate areas drawn from existing graduate programs. The program is not designed to prepare graduates for a specific vocation or profession. However, it is designed to provide rigorous training and development in skills and competencies that are in increasing demand from doctoral level graduate and professional schools and employers.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

**None at this time.** Program will be funded initially through the re-allocation of faculty, staff and other resources.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer  
Provost and Executive Vice President

Date