What can students expect in the first year of the program?

The graduate curriculum aims to cover a set of breadth requirements, to provide a shared intellectual framework within which students can develop their own views, and to acquaint students with faculty specialties. All first year students must complete six graduate seminars that cover the areas of metaphysics and epistemology, history of philosophy, and value theory (ethics). During the first year students also need to pass a logic competency examination (covering material typically taught in a first course in formal logic).

Students participate in a colloquium-preparation course that discusses readings related to invited speakers prior to their visit. All first and second year students take Teaching Assistant training.

What type of support do first-year graduate students in your program receive?

Doctoral students typically receive a guarantee of five years of support. This support may be in the form of a competitive fellowship award, but most forms of support involve Teaching Assistantships. Teaching Assistantships fund all (for California residents) or part (for non-residents, including foreign students) of fees and tuition. Non-California residents who are U.S. citizens may establish California residency after one year at UCSC.

When are graduate applications due for your program?

January 2

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