

**PhD in Linguistics**

**Program Planning Worksheet**

Department of Linguistics

Students must take at least eight 4-credit courses as well as LING 501. The required eight courses must include LING 589, three other foundational courses, three advanced courses, and one elective. The elective may be a course either inside or outside the department and should be selected in consultation with the advisor. A list of introductory and non-introductory courses can be found below. Students should bear in mind that they should strive to become research active sooner than later, and that there is also the possibility of registering for research credits.

The core requirements of the PhD in Linguistics include:

* 90 credits (composed of coursework and research)
* Two qualifying papers
* Dissertation proposal
* Dissertation defense
* Two teaching assistantships

**Sample PhD program timeline**





**Program planning**

Complete this planning worksheet with your program advisor, keeping the above requirements in mind.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ URID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Entry term: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Complete term: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the semester-by-semester schedule below by choosing courses from the department’s course catalog. Your choices don’t need to be final; this is only to put together an initial program of study based on meeting the program’s requirements and exploring your linguistic interests.

**Example:**

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| LING 420: Intro to Grammatical Systems |

A few things to note about the template below:

* The two required teaching assistantships can be completed in any semester other than your first two semesters where your focus should be on coursework and thinking about your research.
* Your QP deadlines are firm. You may apply for an extension, but it’s subject to the approval of your program advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies.
* In your fourth year, if you’ve already completed your required 90 credits or will complete them with less than 9 to go, you’ll register for LING 997: Doctoral Dissertation to maintain full-time status, but it can only be used once. Afterwards, you must register for LING 999.
* To maintain full-time status (required for your tuition scholarship and health insurance), you must be registered for a minimum of 9 credits per semester.

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| **First year** |
| **Fall** | **Spring** |
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| **Draft initial Program of Study (using this worksheet!)** | **Submit QP1 Plan by April 15 and start research activities** |
| **Second year** |
| **Fall** | **Spring** |
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| **Submit QP1 Proposal by September 15 and complete first Teaching Assistantship** | **Submit QP2 Plan by April 15 and Defend QP1 before August** |
| **Third year** |
| **Fall** | **Spring** |
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| **Submit QP1 Proposal by September 15 and complete second Teaching Assistantship** | **Defend QP2 before August** |
| **Fourth year** |
| **Fall** | **Spring** |
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| **Form Dissertation Committee and submit Dissertation Proposal** | **Complete coursework** |
| **Fifth year** |
| **Fall** | **Spring** |
| LING 999: Doctoral Dissertation | LING 999: Doctoral Dissertation |
|  | **Defend Dissertation** |