

LINGUISTICS, PHD

The Ph.D. program in Linguistics at Penn embraces a wide range of theoretical specializations and methodologies. What unites them is a commitment to careful and explicit formal analysis of the human capacity for learning and using language.

The core of our program is the formal generative tradition, but we encourage the cross-fertilization that results from the confrontation of empirical and theoretical perspectives on language structure. By our close collaboration with other programs (such as computer science and psychology) we promote an awareness of the broad view of language that interdisciplinary study induces. In addition to broad training, students are offered and expected to master the methods and results of their chosen areas of concentration in linguistics as a prerequisite to fruitful engagement in dialogue with others, both within and outside the program.

For more information: <https://www.ling.upenn.edu/graduate/>

View the University's Academic Rules for PhD Programs (<http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-phd/>).

Required Courses

The total course units required for graduation is 20. A minimum of 12 course units must be taken at the University of Pennsylvania.

| Code | Title | Course Units |
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| Foundational Courses | | |
| LING 5310 | Phonology I | 1 |
| LING 5320 | Phonology II | 1 |
| LING 5510 | Syntax I | 1 |
| LING 5520 | Syntax II | 1 |
| Select four of the following: | | 4 |
| LING 3410 | Morphology I | |
| LING 3420 | Morphology II | |
| LING 5210 | Phonetics I: Experimental | |
| LING 5220 | Phonetics II: Data Science | |
| LING 5810 | Semantics I | |
| LING 5820 | Semantics II | |
| LING 5020 | Linguistic Field Methods | |
| LING 5100 | Historical and Comparative Linguistics | |
| LING 5600 | Language Variation & Change | |
| LING 5700 | Developmental Psycholinguistics | |

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
