

Linguistics

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- **M.A. Linguistics**
- **Ph.D. Linguistics**
- **Graduate Diploma in Linguistics**

Program Requirements

M.A. Linguistics (5.0 credits)

Students will establish their programs in consultation with the School's supervisor of graduate studies. Each candidate will select one of the following program paths:

Requirements - Thesis Pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit from:	0.5
LING 5007 [0.5]	Phonology
LING 5077 [0.5]	Phonetics
2. 0.5 credit from:	0.5
LING 5004 [0.5]	Syntax
LING 5005 [0.5]	Morphology
LING 5505 [0.5]	Semantics
3. 1.5 credit at the 5000 level in LING, or a related field, chosen in consultation with the School. Coursework must fulfil the graduate-level course requirements as described in the Graduate Regulations.	1.5
4. 2.5 credits in:	2.5
LING 5909 [2.5]	M.A. Thesis
Total Credits	5.0

Requirements - Research Essay Pathway (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit from:	0.5
LING 5007 [0.5]	Phonology
LING 5077 [0.5]	Phonetics
2. 0.5 credit from:	0.5
LING 5004 [0.5]	Syntax
LING 5005 [0.5]	Morphology
LING 5505 [0.5]	Semantics
3. 3.0 credits at the 5000 level in LING, or a related field, chosen in consultation with the School. Coursework must fulfil the graduate-level course requirements as described in the Graduate Regulations.	3.0
4. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
LING 5908 [1.0]	Research Essay
Total Credits	5.0

Ph.D. Linguistics (3.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. Candidates admitted to first year of the PhD program must complete the following course before proceeding to the second year of study:	0.5
LING 5001 [0.5]	Foundations of Linguistics
2. 0.0 credit in:	
LING 6001 [0.0]	Scholarly Preparation in Linguistics 1
LING 6002 [0.0]	Scholarly Preparation in Linguistics 2
3. 0.5 credit from:	0.5
LING 5007 [0.5]	Phonology

LING 5077 [0.5]	Phonetics	0.5
4. 0.5 credit from:		
LING 5004 [0.5]	Syntax	
LING 5005 [0.5]	Morphology	
LING 5505 [0.5]	Semantics	
5. 0.5 credit from:		0.5
LING 5600 [0.5]	Methods in Data Collection	
LING 5800 [0.5]	Language Documentation	
ALDS 6407 [0.5]	Revitalization Policy	
6. 1.0 credit at 5000 or 6000 level chosen in consultation with the graduate supervisor.		1.0
7. 0.0 credit in:		
LING 6907 [0.0]	Doctoral Comprehensive Examination	
LING 6908 [0.0]	Qualifying Paper	
8. 0.0 credit in:		
LING 6909 [0.0]	Ph.D. Thesis	
Total Credits		3.0

Ph.D. Linguistics (Advanced entry - 2.5 credits)

Requirements:

1. 0.0 credit in:		
LING 6001 [0.0]	Scholarly Preparation in Linguistics 1	
LING 6002 [0.0]	Scholarly Preparation in Linguistics 2	
2. 0.5 credit from:		0.5
LING 5007 [0.5]	Phonology	
LING 5077 [0.5]	Phonetics	
3. 0.5 credit from:		0.5
LING 5004 [0.5]	Syntax	
LING 5005 [0.5]	Morphology	
LING 5505 [0.5]	Semantics	
4. 0.5 credit from:		0.5
LING 5600 [0.5]	Methods in Data Collection	
LING 5800 [0.5]	Language Documentation	
ALDS 6407 [0.5]	Revitalization Policy	
5. 1.0 credit at 5000 or 6000 level chosen in consultation with the graduate supervisor.		1.0
6. 0.0 credit in:		
LING 6907 [0.0]	Doctoral Comprehensive Examination	
LING 6908 [0.0]	Qualifying Paper	
7. 0.0 credit in:		
LING 6909 [0.0]	Ph.D. Thesis	
Total Credits		2.5

Graduate Diploma in Linguistics (2.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 0.5 credit from:		0.5
LING 5007 [0.5]	Phonology	
LING 5077 [0.5]	Phonetics	
2. 0.5 credit from:		0.5
LING 5004 [0.5]	Syntax	
LING 5005 [0.5]	Morphology	
LING 5505 [0.5]	Semantics	

3. **1.0 credit in LING** at the 5000- or 6000-level, or in courses in a related field, as approved by the Graduate Supervisor. 1.0

Total Credits 2.0

Admission

The normal requirement for admission to the master's program is a BA Honours degree in linguistics or a related field (e.g. applied linguistics, cognitive science, psychology, anthropology).

Students must have achieved a minimum of B+ in a relevant field and B overall in their academic work in the last two years of study.

Accelerated Pathway

The accelerated pathway in the School of Linguistics and Language Studies is a flexible and individualized plan of graduate study for students in their final year of a Carleton B.A. Honours Linguistics degree. Students in their third year of study in the B.A. Honours degree in Linguistics should consult with both the undergraduate advisor and the graduate supervisor to determine if the accelerated pathway is appropriate for them and to confirm their selection of courses for their final year of undergraduate studies. Students may receive advanced standing with transfer of credit up to 1.0 credit, which can reduce their time to completion in the MA program. The Accelerated Pathway requirements are two LING courses at the 5000 level and a minimum overall CGPA of B+.

Admission

The normal requirement for admission to the PhD in Linguistics is a master's degree in Linguistics with an overall GPA of at least A-.

Admission

In order to apply for admission into the Graduate Diploma in Linguistics, students must first be enrolled in a graduate program at Carleton. Application for those programs is independent of application for the Diploma. The normal requirement for admission to the Diploma is undergraduate or graduate coursework in linguistics or closely related fields. Preference will be given for students enrolled in one of these programs: Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies, Anthropology, Cognitive Science, English, or French.

Regulations

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar, and in addition the following:

- Candidates must maintain a grade point average of 10.0 or better throughout this program.

M.A. Regulations

Regularly Scheduled Break

For immigration purposes, the summer term (May to August) for the M.A. Linguistics including all specializations/concentrations is considered a regularly scheduled break approved by the University. Students should resume full-time studies in September.

Note: a Regularly Scheduled Break as described for immigration purposes does not supersede the requirement for continuous registration in Thesis, Research Essay, or Independent Research Project as described in Section 8.2 of the Graduate General Regulations.

Ph.D. Regulations

Residence Requirement

Ph.D. candidates must normally be registered full-time in a minimum of six terms to satisfy the residence requirement. If a candidate is registered part-time, the minimum residence requirement is eight terms.

Guidelines for Completion of Ph.D.

Full-time Ph.D. students are normally expected to complete their requirements in four calendar years. All part-time students must complete their requirements within a period of nine years, as set out in the General Regulations in the Graduate Calendar.

Linguistics (LING) Courses

LING 5001 [0.5 credit]

Foundations of Linguistics

Presupposing no prior knowledge of linguistics, this course introduces the key concepts and issues of the discipline at an advanced level. Content may include phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. The course prepares students new to linguistics in Canada for other graduate-level coursework.

LING 5004 [0.5 credit]

Syntax

A graduate seminar in contemporary syntactic theory. Repeatable for credit when the topic changes. Departmental permission may be required to repeat for credit.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

LING 5005 [0.5 credit]

Morphology

A graduate seminar in contemporary morphological theory. Repeatable for credit when the topic changes. Departmental permission may be required to repeat for credit.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

LING 5007 [0.5 credit]

Phonology

A graduate seminar in contemporary phonological theory. Repeatable for credit when the topic changes. Departmental permission may be required to repeat for credit.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

LING 5009 [0.5 credit]**Special Topic in Linguistics**

Examination of a topic or more specialized area in linguistics or language study. Topic to be announced.

Repeatable for credit when the topic changes.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as LING 4009, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5077 [0.5 credit]**Phonetics**

A graduate seminar in contemporary phonetics.

Repeatable for credit when the topic changes.

Departmental permission may be required to repeat for credit.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

LING 5412 [0.5 credit]**Diversité du français**

Études des variétés du français, dans ses dimensions spatiales. Le contenu précis de ce cours varie selon les années. Consulter le site Web du Département de français pour obtenir les détails.

Also listed as FREN 5412.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as LING 4412 and FREN 4412, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5413 [0.5 credit]**Diachronie du français**

Étude du français, dans ses dimensions historiques.

Le contenu précis de ce cours varie selon les années.

Consulter le site Web du Département de français pour obtenir les détails.

Also listed as FREN 5413.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as LING 4413 and FREN 4413, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5414 [0.5 credit]**Analyse du français**

Étude du français, dans ses dimensions morphologiques, syntaxiques ou phonologiques. Le contenu précis de ce cours varie selon les années. Consulter le site Web du Département de français pour obtenir les détails.

Also listed as FREN 5414.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as LING 4414 and FREN 4414, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5415 [0.5 credit]**Variation du français**

Étude des variations internes de la langue, dans ses dimensions orales et écrites. Le contenu précis de ce cours varie selon les années. Consulter le site Web du Département de français pour obtenir les détails.

Also listed as FREN 5415.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as FREN 4415 and LING 4415., for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5505 [0.5 credit]**Semantics**

A graduate seminar in contemporary semantics.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as PHIL 5650.

LING 5510 [0.5 credit]**Lexical Semantics**

Study of the meaning of words. Topics may include lexical decomposition, meaning variation, lexical relations, and lexical aspect.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as PHIL 5660.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as LING 4510 and PHIL 4055, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5600 [0.5 credit]**Methods in Data Collection**

Core seminar in methods of data collection for linguistic research.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for LING 6803 (no longer offered).

LING 5601 [0.5 credit]**Cognitive Neuroscience of Language**

Further study of psychological and neurolinguistic mechanisms of adult language processing. May include topics from first language acquisition.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as LING 4601, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5603 [0.5 credit]**First Language Acquisition**

Advanced topics in language acquisition and development, and the relative contributions of the environment, cognitive development, and inborn knowledge.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as LING 4603, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5605 [0.5 credit]**Psycholinguistic Research Methods**

Introduction to experimental methodologies used in current psycholinguistic studies. Topics include experimental design and techniques, descriptive statistics, and interpreting and reporting research findings.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as LING 4605, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5606 [0.5 credit]**Statistics for Language Research**

Application of statistical procedures to analysis of language data and to problems of measurement in experimental linguistics, applied linguistics, psycholinguistics, and related fields.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as ALDS 5604.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as ALDS 4606 and LING 4606, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5608 [0.5 credit]**Language and Cognition**

An introduction to the contribution of theoretical linguistics and linguistic research to cognitive science.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as ALDS 5301 and CGSC 5003.

LING 5704 [0.5 credit]**Linguistic Analysis, Culture and Cognition**

Universals of language from a cross-cultural perspective. Study of lesser-known languages leading to critical understanding of universal human concepts and communication practices in culture-specific configurations. Cross-linguistic analysis as a means to general understanding of diversity and universality in human cognition.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as ALDS 5303.

LING 5800 [0.5 credit]**Language Documentation**

Core seminar in language documentation. Exploration of fundamental issues in language documentation including language description vs. documentation, endangered languages, community relations, ethics and documentation methods.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Precludes additional credit for LING 6802 (no longer offered).

LING 5801 [0.5 credit]**Linguistic Field Methods**

With a language consultant, students discover the phonological, morphological, and syntactic structures of the target language using linguistic elicitation. Language will vary from year to year but will normally be a non-European language. Language documentation, data management, ethical issues surrounding research in Indigenous communities.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Also listed as ALDS 5801.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as LING 4801, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5802 [0.5 credit]**Historical Linguistics: English**

A theory-intensive course that will study the development of English starting with Proto-Indo-European progressing through Common Germanic to the stages of English itself. Topics include phonological sound changes, phonemic inventories, and morphological and syntactic theory.

Also listed as ENGL 5101.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as LING 4802, for which additional credit is precluded.

LING 5901 [0.5 credit]**Directed Reading in Linguistics**

Research on a topic chosen in consultation with a faculty member and with the approval of the graduate supervisor.

Prerequisite(s): Approval of the graduate supervisor.

LING 5908 [1.0 credit]**Research Essay**

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

LING 5909 [2.5 credits]**M.A. Thesis**

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

LING 6001 [0.0 credit]**Scholarly Preparation in Linguistics 1**

This course will provide scholarly preparation in linguistics through active participation in public colloquia, weekly meetings of the Linguistics Reading Group, and professional development activities in Reading Group. Graded SAT/UNS.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

LING 6002 [0.0 credit]

Scholarly Preparation in Linguistics 2

This course will provide scholarly preparation in linguistics through active participation in public colloquia, weekly meetings of the Linguistics Reading Group, and professional development activities and presentations in Reading Group. Graded SAT/UNS.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): LING 6001 or approval of the graduate supervisor.

LING 6901 [0.5 credit]

Directed Reading in Linguistics

Research on a topic chosen in consultation with a faculty member and with the approval of the graduate supervisor.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

LING 6907 [0.0 credit]

Doctoral Comprehensive Examination

Students must pass an oral comprehensive exam that will evaluate their knowledge of linguistic theory. Students will be provided with a reading list of literature in theoretical linguistics that they should be familiar with, based on their core linguistics courses and their research interests.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

LING 6908 [0.0 credit]

Qualifying Paper

Students are required to write a Qualifying Paper (QP) that assesses their potential for conducting original research. Their QP must include aspects of both linguistic theory and language documentation and/or revitalization, although the proportion devoted to each component will vary from student to student.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

LING 6909 [0.0 credit]

Ph.D. Thesis

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity