

LINGUISTICS PHD

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

PhD

Total Units Required: 10

Course	Title
Fundamental Properties of Language (4 quarters)	
LING 420-0	Sociolinguistic Theory and Analysis
LING 450-1	Laboratory Phonology I
LING 460-1	Syntactic Analysis I
LING 470-1	Semantics and Pragmatics
Advanced Competency (4 quarters)	
Any 4 400-level LING courses, except independent study and other required courses and any 300-level LING courses with instructor's permission.	
Computational Analysis (1 quarter)	
One of the following courses	
LING 331-0	Text Processing for Linguists
LING 334-0	Introduction to Computational Linguistics
Statistics (1 quarter)	
One of the following courses	
STAT 330-1	Applied Statistics for Research 1
LING 400-0	Seminar in Linguistics (Advanced Statistics for Language Science)

Additional Degree Requirements

- Research/Projects:** successful completion of one research paper, by the end of eighth quarter, for admission to candidacy; acceptable master's thesis in the department may be offered to satisfy the requirement
- PhD Dissertation:** in addition to PhD degree requirements outlined in the Graduate Study at Northwestern University section of this Web site, completion of a prospectus by the end of the twelfth quarter, for admission to candidacy
- Final Evaluations:** none specified beyond the PhD degree requirements outlined in the Graduate Study at Northwestern University section of this Web site
- Other:** demonstration of advanced competence in a second natural language. (For non-native English speakers, advanced competence in English satisfies this requirement.)

Master's

Total Units Required: 9

The Qualifying Paper and course work can be used by PhD students to satisfy requirements for MA degree.

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Fundamental Properties of Language (4 quarters)	
LING 420-0	Sociolinguistic Theory and Analysis
LING 450-1	Laboratory Phonology I
LING 460-1	Syntactic Analysis I
LING 470-1	Semantics and Pragmatics
Computational Analysis (1 quarter)	

One of the following courses

LING 331-0	Text Processing for Linguists
LING 334-0	Introduction to Computational Linguistics
Statistics (1 quarter)	
STAT 330-1	Applied Statistics for Research 1
LING 400-0	Seminar in Linguistics (Advanced Statistics for Language Science)
Electives (3 quarters)	
Any 3 LING courses offered for graduate credit.	

Other MA Degree Requirements

- Master's Thesis
- Demonstration of advanced proficiency in one non-English language (department assumes native or near-native proficiency in English)