

Semantics MA Course of Study

Year 1:

Autumn:	LING 542: Semantic Theory I	5 cr
	LING 507: Syntactic Theory I	4 cr
Winter:	LING 579: Semantic Theory II	5 cr
	LING 508: Syntactic Theory II	4 cr
	LING 550: Phonetics	5 cr
Spring:	LING 580: Semantics Seminar	5 cr
	LING 551: Phonology I	5 cr
	LING 509: Syntactic Theory III	4 cr

Year 2:

Autumn:	LING 580: Syntax seminar	5 cr	
	LING 480: Topics in Linguistics (Semantics of Japanese)	3 cr	
	LING 600: Independent Study (on semantics)	3 cr	or
Winter:	LING 700: Thesis	5 cr	
Spring:	LING 700: Thesis	4 cr	
	LING 532: Sociolinguistics I	5 cr	

Some things to keep in mind:

- Semantics students should take the LING 542 and 579 sequence in their first year. If a semantics seminar is offered in Spring, they should take it, too.
- This sample roadmap does not include a language class. If you need to take a language class in order to satisfy a foreign language requirement, take it in your first year.
- Some of the courses are offered in the summer: 432, 442/542, 450, 451.
- Currently, we still do not have some of the 500-level courses in the above. For example, regarding semantics courses, we still use the class numbers LING 442 (Semantics I) and LING 479 (Semantics II) for graduate students as well as undergraduates. But 542 and 579 will be implemented in the near future.

- I also recommend philosophy courses such as PHIL 453/LING 476 (Philosophy of Language, 4 cr) if this is feasible.

Comments:

Grad School requires 36 cr total, of which 9 thesis; 18 cr must be 500 or above.

The total # of credits in program above = 59 cr;

Semantics PhD Course of Study

For a semantics PhD student, a specific timetable may not be useful, but they should be able to complete a dissertation in three years with a good plan and determination.

It is important for the student to keep in touch with the advisor and to interact with other graduate students by reading and commenting on each other's papers.

Assuming the above coursework for the MA, the student needs just one phonetics/phonology course (LING 552, Phonology II), and no syntax, semantics or sociolinguistics course regarding the specific requirements for Linguistics PhDs.

Otherwise, the student should concentrate upon taking syntax/semantics seminars and finding good topics for research, presenting at conferences/colloquia (two such presentations are required), and eventually publishing his/her work. In the meantime, the student must produce two quality papers for the general exam. Such efforts should culminate in a dissertation, which should be publishable.

For a semantics student, MAJOR is obviously semantics. The default MINOR is syntax, but it could be a different research area such as phonetics/phonology (if the student is interested in focus phenomena, for example) and computational linguistics (if the student is interested in computational semantics, for example).

Make sure that the breath language requirement is satisfied.