GRADUATE PROGRAM: HOW TO APPLY

Our department offers programs of study for graduate students leading to the degree of Ph.D. in Linguistics, with tracks in General Linguistics or Computational Linguistics. See Prospective Graduate Students for details about the program. Application instructions appear below.

The Graduate School no longer accepts paper applications.

PLEASE NOTE: Before applying, please review the UW Graduate School's policies and requirements for prospective applicants at:

http://grad.uw.edu/admissions/understanding-the-application-process/

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED via the Graduate School web site before the Linguistics Department December 15th deadline for all (domestic and international) applicants. Applications are accepted for the Autumn quarter only. Please note that applicants are responsible for tracking their application materials by logging on to the electronic online Graduate School application. The Department of Linguistics does not offer conditional admission pending submission of some required documents. All required information must be present before an application is considered.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the difficulties of safely taking the GRE, the GRE requirement is suspended for 2021 applications.

Financial Aid and Assistantships Information

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

If you are an international applicant, please note item 6 below for important information about a policy change regarding the English proficiency requirement.

1. Electronic Application and fee. Apply Online

2. Statement of Purpose: Please write a one or two page statement presenting your objectives as a graduate student as well as any other information you feel would be relevant to your application.

3. Sample of Your Work: All applicants should send papers or conference presentations of high quality.

4. Letters of Recommendation: Three letters, preferably from people familiar with your academic work and especially with your work in linguistics courses are required. You will be asked as part of the on-line application process to provide email addresses of your recommenders so they can upload these recommendations.

5. Upload electronic copies of transcripts from prior schools into the online application site either as a PDF file or scan the transcript. PLEASE NOTE: If offered admission, all international applicants, permanent residents, green card holders, and domestic students with degrees from schools outside the U.S. must also send official paper transcripts to:

Standard postal service:

University of Washington
Graduate Enrollment Management Services
Box 353770
Seattle, WA 98195-3770
Express or courier service (FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.):

University of Washington
Graduate Enrollment Management Services
301 Loew Hall
3920 Stevens Way
Seattle, WA 98195-2191

If offered admission, domestic students with degrees from the U.S. need not send official paper transcripts at the time of application, but will be required to do so later if admitted to our program.

6. TOEFL Scores (IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS): Please refer to the following UW Graduate School memoranda on English proficiency requirements for international students. Note that international PhD applicants must meet BOTH the UW Graduate School English proficiency requirements detailed in Memo 8 and the spoken English proficiency requirements described in Memo 15 in order to be considered for admission. If your scores are below the required ones, please consider retaking the test before you apply.

Memo 8: Graduate School English Language Proficiency Requirements
Memo 15: Conditions of Appointment for TAs who are not Native Speakers of English

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