

Semantics PhD Course of Study

Year 1:

- Autumn:** LING 542: Semantic Theory I
LING 507: Syntactic Theory I
- Winter:** LING 579: Semantic Theory II
LING 508: Syntactic Theory II
- Spring:** LING 551: Phonology I
LING 509: Syntactic Theory III

You should ask

Year 2:

- Autumn:** LING 532: Sociolinguistics I
LING 550: Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics (a.k.a. Phonetics I)
- Winter:** LING 600: Independent Study (for writing a semantics paper)
- Spring:** LING 552: Phonology II
LING 600/800: Independent Study/seminar (for writing a semantics paper)

You should form your PhD committee during your second year.

Year 3:

Write a second general paper (default: syntax). Take a seminar and/or independent study class with a syntax professor to ensure that you can complete your syntax general paper by the end of Winter. This enables you to defend the two general papers during Spring.

Year 4 & Year 5: Dissertation and Defense

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 any language class. If you need to take a language class in order to satisfy the language requirements, you must include it in your plan. You must satisfy the requirements before you take the general exam.

See

http://depts.washington.edu/lingweb/Revised_Language_Requirement_for_new_cur.pdf

- Not all courses are offered in the designated quarters, and some courses are offered in quarters not specified above. Other than the semantics and syntax courses, which you will need to take during the first year, you can be flexible about the non-syntax/semantics classes.
- I also recommend philosophy courses such as PHIL 453/LING 476 (Philosophy of Language, 4 cr) if this is feasible.
- The above plan assumes that your second general paper is in syntax. If not, your course plan must be changed accordingly.