

Semantics PhD Course of Study

Year 1:

Autumn: **LING 578: Semantic Theory I**

Note: Ling 578 is not a required class. However, if you wish to specialize in semantics and have not taken any formal semantics before, it is a good idea to take LING 578

LING 507: Syntactic Theory I

Winter: **LING 579: Semantic Theory II**

LING 508: Syntactic Theory II

Spring: **LING 541 or 542:**

Language Processing and development I or II

LING 580: Semantics seminar (if offered)

You should ask a semantics faculty member to be your advisor before the end of year 1.

Year 2:

Autumn: **LING 532: Sociolinguistics I**

LING 550: Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics

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 578 and 579 sequence in their first year. If they have taken an introductory formal semantics class analogous to Ling 578, then they should go ahead and take Ling 579. 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 your language requirement, you must include this in your plan. You must satisfy this requirement before your general exam.
- Not all courses are offered in the designated quarters. Your priority should be the semantics and syntax courses, which you should complete during your first year. Other required courses could be taken during your second year.
- 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.
- If you have questions or concerns, please consult your advisor or the GPC.