

Syntax Roadmap

YEAR 1:

- Fall:** LING 507 'Syntactic Theory I'
LING 542 'Semantic Theory I' (if you need to take it order to take LING 572 'Semantic Theory II'). Please note that LING 542 'Semantic Theory I' does not satisfy the semantics requirement.
1-credit grant writing proseminar (if offered)
- Winter:** LING 508 'Syntactic Theory II'
LING 572 'Semantic Theory II'
- Spring:** LING 509 'Syntactic Theory III'
LING 541 'Language Processing and development I'/LING 542 'Language Processing and development II' (LING 542 might be more relevant for syntax concentrators)

Milestones to complete by the end of year 1:

- 1. Choose the Advisor**

YEAR 2:

- Fall:** LING 580 'Syntax Seminar'
LING 550 'Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics'/LING 532 'Sociolinguistics I'
- Winter:** LING 580 'Syntax Seminar'
LING 541 'Language Processing and development I'/LING 542 'Language Processing and development II'/LING 532 'Sociolinguistics I'
LING 600 Independent Study/Research (Generals Paper 1)
- Spring:** LING 552 'Phonology II'
LING 541 'Language Processing and development I'/LING 542 'Language Processing and development II'/LING 532 'Sociolinguistics I'
LING 600 Independent Study/Research (Generals Paper 1)

Milestones to complete by the end of year 2:

- 1. Complete First Generals Paper**
- 2. Form PhD Committee**
- 3. Satisfy the Language Requirement**

We strongly recommend students finish taking all the required courses by the end of year 2 in the program. However, the deadline to do so is the end of year 3 to accommodate unavoidable scheduling conflicts.

YEAR 3:

Fall: LING 580 Seminar and/or Elective (LING 549 'Second Language Acquisition', LING 447 'Psychology of Language, LING 566 'Syntax for Computational Linguistics', others approved by the advisor)
LING 600 Independent Study/Research (Generals Paper 2)

Winter: LING 580 Seminar and/or Elective
LING 600 Independent Study/Research (Generals Paper 2)

Spring: Seminar and/or Elective
LING 600 Independent Study/Research (Generals Paper 2)

Milestones to complete by the end of Year 3:

- 1. Finish Taking All Required Courses**
- 2. PASS THE GENERAL EXAM**

YEAR 4:

Fall: LING 580 Seminar and/or Elective
LING 800 Doctoral dissertation (Dissertation prospectus)

Winter: LING 580 Seminar and/or Elective
LING 800 Doctoral dissertation (Dissertation prospectus)

Spring: LING 580 Seminar and/or Elective
LING 800 Doctoral dissertation

Milestones to Complete in Year 4

- 1. Submit Dissertation Prospectus (within one quarter of the General Exam)**

YEAR 5:

Fall: LING 580 Seminar and/or Elective
LING 800 Doctoral dissertation

Winter: LING 580 Seminar and/or Elective
LING 800 Doctoral dissertation

Spring: LING 580 Seminar and/or Elective
LING 800 Doctoral dissertation
Dissertation Defense

Milestones to complete in Year 5:

- 1. Complete and Defend the Dissertation**
- 2. Graduate (and Celebrate!)**

Other things to keep in mind:

- We recommend taking a seminar (LING 580) every quarter as soon as you are prepared. Seminars are the best way to get topics for general papers, and to get the necessary breath to become a successful syntactician.
- This sample roadmap does not include a language class. Before taking the general exam, you will need to satisfy the language requirement. Depending on your background, this might involve taking a language class.
- Keep in mind that many of the specific courses mentioned above are offered only once a year. Planning ahead and consulting with your advisor and/or GPC is the key to getting through the graduate program in a timely fashion.