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This roadmap is for Sociolinguistics Concentrators. It is to be taken as a rough guide as to *what* courses should be taken *when*. Students should decide on a specific plan of coursework with their supervisor. Graduate students typically take about 10 credits per quarter.

Course requirements

Students must successfully complete 90 credits, 40 of which are satisfied by taking required courses for the Linguistics PhD. These are indicated in the tables below with “(R).” There is also a departmental requirement that students take “additional” courses (at the 500-level) for a minimum of 90 credits (27 of which must be LING 800: PhD thesis), to be determined by specialization and in consultation with the advisory committee (see **Table 1**).

This roadmap suggests three scenarios for completing coursework toward a concentration in Sociolinguistics within 5 years (**Tables 2-4**). All scenarios satisfy departmental requirements for the PhD. Each scenario also indicates annual tasks, called “departmental milestones”, that the LING department expects all graduate students to accomplish according to the timeline regardless of specialization.

The courses that are required for the sociolinguistics concentration count as part of the set of “additional” required courses, indicated with “(C)”. Concentrators must complete the sociolinguistics core sequence, a minimum of three sociolinguistics courses beyond LING 532 (including, but not limited to: LING 533, 534, 535). Sociolinguistics concentrators are also required to take at least one basic introduction to statistical reasoning (e.g., LING 520 or 521 when offered). Some of the necessary background will be constituted by taking courses in other units, such as coursework in sociology, research methods, and additional work in statistics. The appropriate courses must be determined on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the student’s supervisor. **Table 5**, below, lists recommended coursework in research methods and statistics.

In general, LING 590 is to be used for data collection quarters, LING 800 is for generals exams and thesis-related proposal writing, preparation and submission of human subjects applications, and data analysis and writeup. If you will be conducting data collection in the field, particularly if you have external funding that pays for data-collection related travel, you should use LING 590 for that time. In general 1-2 quarters shall be sufficient for data collection.

Some things to keep in mind

- Sociolinguistics students should take the syntax and phonology sequences (I, II) and begin the sociolinguistics sequence in their first year.
- We recommend taking a socio seminar (LING 580) every quarter as soon as you are prepared. Seminars are the best way to get topics for generals papers or the dissertation, and to get the necessary breadth to become a successful sociolinguist.
- Students interested in a major in sociolinguistics with a minor in experimental phonetics or phonology should take LING 552, LING 553, and also take LING 520, and another statistics course such as EDPSY 490 or 593.
- This sample roadmap does not address the Linguistics department “language knowledge requirement”. You will need to determine how you meet that requirement and include that in your plan.
- Independent study credits (1st year) or LING 800-thesis credits may be added if you need 10 cr/qtr for TAsip.
- Some courses you may wish to take (particularly in other units) may be offered in the summer. Planning ahead is the key to getting through the graduate program in a timely fashion.

Table 1: Credit totals earned for taking required core and typical concentration courses

Core Requirements (R)	Credits	Concentration requirements:	Credits	Elective:	Credits
LING 507 Syntactic Theory I	5	LING 533 Methods in Sociolinguistics	5	LING 520 Introduction to Statistics for Linguists	5
LING 508 Syntactic Theory II	5	LING 535 Advanced Sociolinguistics	5	LING 521 R for Linguists	5
LING 532 Sociolinguistics I	5	LING 580 (2 seminars)	2x4	LING 534 Social network theory	5
LING 551 Phonology I	5	LING 520 Statistics for linguists	5	LING 553 Experimental Phonetics	5
LING 552 Phonology II	5			LING 554 Advanced Phonetics	(var.)
LING 550 Introduction to Phonetics or 553 Experimental Phonetics	5			LING 590 Fieldwork	10
LING 572 Semantic Theory I or 579 Semantic Theory II	5				
LING 599C Funding Proseminar	1				
LING 800 Doctoral dissertation	27				
Core Total:	61	Concentration Total:	23	Electives (student's choice)	18
				GRAND TOTAL:	124

Table 2. Scenario 1: concentration undecided at time of admission

General coursework is taken early in the program, and Sociolinguistics coursework is scheduled in time to complete the generals examinations.

Year 1:	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Take required courses, decide upon major area of concentration, find an advisor and start constituting a committee, report name of advisor to Linguistics Administrator.</i>	credits
	LING 507 (R): Syntactic Theory I	5
	LING 508 (R) Syntactic Theory II	5
	LING 550 or (R): Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics or LING 553 (R): Experimental Phonetics	5
	LING 532 (R): Sociolinguistics I	5
	LING 551 (R) Phonology I	5
	LING 552 (R): Phonology II	5
	LING 599 (R) Grad Proseminar	1
Year 2:	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Finish required coursework, complete first generals paper, proposal and writing, deadline to form a PhD committee.</i>	
	LING 533 (C): Sociolinguistics II	5
	LING 572 Semantics I (R) or 579	5
	LING 590: Fieldwork	4
	-or- 580 (C): Sociolinguistics Seminar	4
	-or- LING 552 (R): Phonology II	3
	-or- Satisfy Language Requirement	
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (begin work on Generals Paper 1)	3
Year 3:	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Complete second generals paper, pass generals examination</i>	
	LING 535 (C): Advanced Sociolinguistics	5
	LING 800: PhD thesis (complete work on Generals Paper 1)	5
	-or-LING 534 (C): Applications of social network theory in sociolinguistics	
	-or- LING 520 statistics for linguists, or experimental design course (see Table 4)	
	LING 509: Syntactic Theory III	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (begin Generals Paper 2)	6
	EDPSY 593: Experimental Design and Analysis (or other Upper level statistics or sociology course)	
	LING 552: Phonology II (if not already taken)	5
	-or-LING 580: Topics in Linguistics	6
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (complete Generals Paper 2)	
Year 4:	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Autumn submission of dissertation proposal (if not included in the generals examination), begin dissertation research and writing</i>	
	LING 590: Graduate Fieldwork	10
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (dissertation data analysis and writeup)	20

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Year 5:	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Defend dissertation</i>	
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	5
	LING 580: Problems in Linguistics	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	5
	-or- satisfy language requirement	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	10

Table 3. Scenario 2: Sociolinguistics concentration known at time of admission

This scenario is for those students who know early that they want sociolinguistics to be their concentration. This allows for earlier fieldwork completion and core coursework in Year 2.

Year 1:	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Take required courses, decide upon major area of concentration, find an advisor and start constituting a committee, report name of advisor to Linguistics Administrator.</i>	credits
	LING 579 (R): Semantics I	5
	LING 550 (R): Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics	5
	LING 532 (C): Sociolinguistics I	5
	LING 551 (R): Phonology I	5
	LING 533 (C): Sociolinguistics II	5
	LING 553 (C): Experimental Phonetics	5
	LING 599 (R) Grad Proseminar	1
Year 2:	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Complete required coursework, complete first generals paper, proposal and writing, deadline to form a PhD committee.</i>	
	LING 507 (R): Syntax I	5
	LING 580 (C) or 5xx: Seminar or Methods (e.g., R for Linguists)	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (begin writing Generals Paper 1)	2
	LING 508 (R): Syntax II	5
	LING 552 (R): Phonology II	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (continue writing Generals Paper 1)	1
	LING 535 (C): Advanced Sociolinguistics	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (to finish Generals Paper 1)	5
LING 590: Graduate Fieldwork (for Sociolinguistics Generals Paper 2)	10	
Year 3:	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Complete second generals paper, pass generals examination</i>	
	LING 534: Applications of social network theory in sociolinguistics	5
	-or-other 5xx (Sociolinguistics course)	5
	LING 800: PhD thesis (begin writing Generals Paper 2)	
	-or- Language course, LING 520 statistics for linguists, or experimental design course	
	Language course, 5xx LING course, or statistics course	4
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (continue writing Generals Paper 2)	6
	Language course, 5xx LING course, or statistics course	4
LING 800: PhD Thesis (complete Generals Paper 2)	6	
Year 4:	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Autumn submission of dissertation proposal (if not included in the generals examination), begin dissertation research and writing</i>	
	LING 590: Graduate Fieldwork	10
	LING 580: Topics in Linguistics	4
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	6
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	10
Year 5:	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Defend dissertation</i>	
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	5
	LING 580: Problems in Linguistics	5
	-or- LING 590: Graduate Fieldwork	

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LING 800: PhD Thesis	5
EDPSY 593: Experimental Design and Analysis (or other Upper level statistics or sociology course)	5
LING 800: PhD Thesis	10
-or- satisfy language requirement (2 qtrs of coursework, or exam)	

Table 4. Scenario 3: Sociophonetics concentration

This scenario is for those students who know early that they want sociolinguistics and phonetics to be their concentration.

	Course	credits
Year 1	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Take required courses, decide upon major area of concentration, find an advisor and start constituting a committee, report name of advisor to Linguistics Administrator.</i>	
	LING 532 (R, C): Sociolinguistics I	5
	LING 550 (R): Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics	5
	LING 599 (R) Grad Proseminar	1
	LING 533 (R, C): Sociolinguistics II	5
	LING 551 (R): Phonology I	5
	LING 520 (R, C) Statistics	5
	LING 553 (C): Experimental Phonetics	5
Year 2	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Complete required coursework, complete first generals paper, proposal and writing, deadline to form a PhD committee.</i>	
	LING 507 (R): Syntax I	5
	LING 542 (R): Semantics I	5
	LING 508 (R): Syntax II	5
	LING 552 (R): Phonology II	5
	LING 535 (C): Advanced Sociolinguistics	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (to finish Generals Paper 1)	5
Year 3	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Complete second generals paper, pass generals examination</i>	
	Elective LING or other department course (e.g. LING 534, Language course, experimental design course)	5
	LING 800: PhD thesis (begin writing Generals Paper 2)	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (continue writing Generals Paper 2)	
	Elective LING or other department course	
	LING 800: PhD Thesis (complete Generals Paper 2)	
Year 4	Elective LING or other department course	
	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Autumn submission of dissertation proposal (if not included in the generals examination), begin dissertation research and writing</i>	

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	LING 800: PhD Thesis	5
	Elective LING or other department course, LING 590: Graduate Fieldwork	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	5
	Elective LING or other department course, LING 590: Graduate Fieldwork	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	10
	Elective LING or other department course, LING 590: Graduate Fieldwork	
Year 5	<i>Departmental Milestone(s): Defend dissertation</i>	
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	5
	Elective LING or other department course, LING 590: Graduate Fieldwork	5
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	10
	LING 800: PhD Thesis	10

Table 5: Recommended research methods and statistics courses

Students concentrating in sociolinguistics typically constitute their training in research methods by taking courses both within the Linguistics department and other units. These may be taken to satisfy the “Additional course above the 400-level” requirement for LINGUISTICS (with GPC and supervisor approval):

Topic	Course Recommendations (confirm availability of courses when making your plan as schedules for course offerings often change)
Research methods	LING 590 Graduate Fieldwork (1-10 cr) – SOC 519 Fieldwork: Observation and Interviewing – qualitative methods (5cr, WIN) SOC 460 Social Differentiation (5cr)
Statistics (STAT 342 is a prereq for many of the other STAT courses listed here)	EDPSY 490 Basic Educational Statistics (3cr, AUT/WIN/SPR/SUM) EDPSY 593 Experimental Design and Analysis (5cr,WIN) EDPSY 594 Advanced Correlational Techniques (5cr, SPR prereq 593) LING 520 Introduction to Statistics for Linguists (5 cr) LING 521 R for Linguists (5 cr) STAT 341-2 Introduction to Probability and Statistical Inference II (4 cr, W/SP) STAT 421 Applied Statistics and Experimental Design (4cr, AUT, carries 300-lvl prereq which may not be waivable) STAT 428 Multivariate Analysis for the Social Sciences (4cr, alternate years) SOC 504 Applied Social Statistics (3 cr) SOC 505 Applied Social Statistics (3 cr) SOC 536 Analysis of Categorical and Count Data. (SOC 504-6 is prereq) CSSS/STAT 567 Statistical analysis of social networks TC 516 Research Methods in Technical Communication (3cr, SPR, carries a statistics prereq)
Sociology	SOC 416 Sociological Theory (5cr) SOC 467 Immigration and Ethnicity (5 cr) SOC 590 Special Topics in sociology: social network theory
Anthropology	LING/ANTH 458 Language and Gender (5cr) LING/ANTH 464 Politics and Cultural Identity (3cr)
Phonetics/Phonology	LING 553 Experimental Phonetics (3cr) LING 554 Advanced Linguistic Phonetics (4 cr) LING 555 Sociophonetics (4 cr) LING 446 English Phonology (3cr)
Computational linguistics	LING 570 Shallow Processing Techniques for Natural Language Processing (4 cr)
Discourse analysis	LING/COM 470 Discourse: Analyzing Talk and Texts (5cr)