

# LINGUISTICS: LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (PH.D.)

**Offered by:** Linguistics (Faculty of Arts)  
**Degree:** Doctor of Philosophy

## Program Description

Students must satisfy all program requirements for the Ph.D. in Linguistics. The Ph.D. thesis must be on a topic relating to language acquisition.

**Note:** For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please refer to Visual Schedule Builder. A technical issue is causing the "Terms offered" field to incorrectly report "this course is not currently offered" for many courses in the Course Catalogue.

## Thesis

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

## Required Courses (27 credits)

Note: LING 706 Ph.D. Evaluation 1. and LING 707 Ph.D. Evaluation 2. must be completed before proceeding to thesis research.

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Course	Title	Credits
LING 601	Graduate Research Seminar 1.	3
LING 602	Graduate Research Seminar 2.	3
LING 630	Phonetics 3.	3
LING 631	Phonology 3.	3
LING 635	Phonetics and Phonology 4.	3
LING 660	Semantics 3.	3
LING 671	Syntax 3.	3
LING 706	Ph.D. Evaluation 1.	0
LING 707	Ph.D. Evaluation 2.	0
LING 710	Language Acquisition Issues 2.	2
PSYC 709	Language Acquisition Issues 1.	2
SCSD 712	Language Acquisition Issues 4.	2

## Complementary Courses (18 credits)

Students who have taken an equivalent course in statistics, or are currently taking an equivalent course as part of their Ph.D. program

requirements, will be deemed to have satisfied this requirement for the Language Acquisition Option.

3 credits of statistics from the following list:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDPE 676	Intermediate Statistics.	3
EDPE 682	Univariate/Multivariate Analysis. <sup>1</sup>	3
LING 620	Experimental Linguistics: Methods.	3
PSYC 650	Advanced Statistics 1.	3
PSYC 651	Advanced Statistics 2.	3

<sup>1</sup> If LING 620 Experimental Linguistics: Methods. is taken to satisfy both the Statistics and the Methods complementary requirements, then 3 additional credits should be taken at the 500, 600, or 700 level.

3 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
LING 665	Semantics 4.	3
LING 675	Syntax 4.	3

6 credits from the following methods courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
LING 610	Linguistic Field Research. <sup>1</sup>	3
LING 620	Experimental Linguistics: Methods.	3
LING 645	Computational Research on Language.	3
LING 661	Advanced Formal Methods.	3

<sup>1</sup> If LING 620 Experimental Linguistics: Methods. is taken to satisfy both the Statistics and the Methods complementary requirements, then 3 additional credits should be taken at the 500, 600, or 700 level.

6 additional credits at the 500, 600, or 700 level, at least 3 credits selected from the following list:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDSL 620	Social Justice Issues in Second Language Education.	3
EDSL 623	Second Language Learning.	3
EDSL 624	Educational Sociolinguistics.	3
EDSL 627	Instructed Second Language Acquisition Research.	3
EDSL 632	Second Language Literacy Development.	3
LING 651	Topics in Acquisition of Phonology.	3
PSYC 545	Topics in Language Acquisition.	3
PSYC 735	Developmental Psychology and Language.	3
SCSD 619	Phonological Development.	3

SCSD 632	Phonological Disorders: Children.	3
SCSD 637	Developmental Language Disorders 1.	3
SCSD 643	Developmental Language Disorders 2.	3
SCSD 652	Advanced Research Seminar 1.	3
SCSD 653	Advanced Research Seminar 2.	3

0-2 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDPE 713	Language Acquisition Issues 5.	2
EDSL 711	Language Acquisition Issues 3.	2