DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY
LINGUISTICS SPECIALIZATION
IN CANADIAN STUDIES

Linguistics is a discipline that explores the structure of language, its role in human activity, and its relationship to the biological and psychological human organism. It is considered one of the humanities because it focuses on the relationship between human beings and language, but it is also an exact science because of its systematic explanation of the facts of language and its use of experimental methodology.

The Department of Linguistics offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of MA and PhD in linguistics. It is possible, through the selection of relevant courses, to specialize in a variety of areas of linguistic research. These include the following: theoretical linguistics (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics), first and second language acquisition, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics and sociolinguistics.

Detailed information about the programs, for instance, the research areas of professors, course descriptions, and student advising arrangements is provided in the department's student handbook.

The Department participates in a collaborative program in Canadian Studies at the PhD level. For more information on this program, see "Admission Requirements."

Because of its strength in relevant areas, its bilingual character and its location in the national capital, the University of Ottawa is uniquely positioned to offer a collaborative program leading to a specialization in Canadian Studies at the doctoral level. The program is especially designed for doctoral students in selected programs in the humanities and the social sciences who wish to enrich their training in a particular discipline by including an interdisciplinary component.

The programs are governed by the general regulations (http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=1807) in effect for graduate studies.

Admission Requirements

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements/) webpage.

The MA in Linguistics (or the equivalent) is required for admission to the doctoral program.

Collaborative Program

The Department of Linguistics is a participating unit in the collaborative program in Canadian Studies at the PhD level. This program has been established for students wishing to enrich their training in linguistics by including an interdisciplinary component in Canadian Studies. The Canadian Studies seminars (CDN 6520 and CDN 6910) fit into the departmental course requirements and do not add to the number of courses required for the PhD in linguistics.

To be admitted to the program, students must be enrolled in or have successfully completed at least one graduate course in Linguistics with Canadian content. The mention "Specialization in Canadian Studies" will be added to the diploma of students who pass one of the Canadian Studies seminars (CDN 6520 and CDN 6910) and successfully defend a thesis on a Canadian topic in Linguistics.

Admission to the collaborative program in Canadian Studies at the doctoral level is determined by the coordination committee and will normally take place before the end of the first year of enrollment in the doctoral program.

Language Requirements

Students should be able to understand and read both official languages of Canada in order to participate in the bilingual interdisciplinary seminar CDN 6910.

Language Requirements

Candidates must have an adequate knowledge of English. Most of the courses are offered in English. Under the regulations of the University of Ottawa, examinations and assignments may be written in French or in English.

Transfer from Master's to PhD

Students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Linguistics at the University of Ottawa may, exceptionally, be allowed to transfer to the doctoral program without completing the master's. To take advantage of this option, they must:

- Complete 3 compulsory courses (LIN 5315, LIN 5317 and LIN 5318) and an optional course in the master's program with a minimum grade of A- or better in each;
- Provide letters in support of the fast-track from professors in two of the courses mentioned above;
- Provide a letter of recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee of the Department;
- Provide the name of the professor who has agreed to supervise the doctoral thesis.

The transfer must take place within twelve months of initial enrollment in the master's; the student must enroll in the PhD program in the 4th term at the latest. Please note that the minimal admission average requirements for the doctoral program must also be met. Following the transfer, all the requirements of the doctoral program must be met. The total number of course units required is 30 (12 at the master's and 18 at the doctoral level).

Program Requirements

A total of six course (18 units) are required as follows:

Compulsory Courses:
6 course units from:
- LIN 5315 Phonology II
- LIN 5317 Syntax II
- LIN 5318 Semantics II
- 9 optional course units in linguistics (LIN) at the graduate level
- 6 additional course units in French as a second language (FLS)

Seminar:
- LIN 8398 Doctoral Seminar

Comprehensive Examination:
Students enrolled in the collaborative program will be asked to meet both the requirements of their primary program and those of the collaborative program. The requirements of the collaborative program will serve as partial fulfillment of the requirements of their primary program.

Compulsory Courses:

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Submission and successful defense of a thesis on a Canadian topic in the participating unit.

The proposed topic must be approved by both the participating unit and the Canadian Studies Graduate Committee. At least one of the examiners of the thesis must be a person chosen in consultation with the executive committee of the Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies.

Additional Requirements

The requirements listed above are necessary minimums, and the department may impose additional courses if this appears desirable in view of the candidate's previous preparation. Candidates will be informed of any such additional courses at the beginning of their studies.

Minimum Standards

The passing grade in all courses is C+. Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units), the thesis proposal, or the comprehensive exam or whose research progress is deemed unsatisfactory are required to withdraw.

Duration of the Program

Students are expected to complete all requirements within four years. The maximum time permitted is six years from the date of initial enrollment in the program.

Thesis Advisory Committee

During the first term of the program, a thesis advisory committee (TAC) is formed for the candidate. The Committee's membership will be determined by the specific interests of the candidate. It will be composed of the supervisor and two to three additional professors. At least one member of the thesis committee, in addition to the supervisor, must be from the Faculty of Arts. The TAC is responsible for guiding the student throughout the program, including course selection, the comprehensive examination, thesis proposal, and thesis defense.

The thesis examining board may include members who are not part of the TAC.

Research

Research Fields & Facilities

Located in the heart of Canada's capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada's top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

- Canada and the World
- Health
courses
LIN 6702 Phonétique expérimentale : L’acoustique (3 crédits)
Bases de l’analyse acoustique de la parole.
Volet : Groupe de discussion, Séminaire
LIN 7301 Statistics for Linguistics Research (3 units)
Specialized statistical methods for linguistic analysis, including both
descriptive and inferential statistics (e.g. frequency distribution, standard
deviation, ANOVA, MANOVA, Regression, Correlation, and T-tests).
Training in statistical software. Reading and writing of reports on
statistics results. Practical training with linguistic data sets.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7310 Seminar I (3 units)
Topic to be announced.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7311 Seminar II (3 units)
Topic to be announced.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7312 Seminar III (3 units)
Topic to be announced.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7319 First Language Acquisition I (3 units)
First language acquisition, concentrating on theoretical, experimental and
methodological issues.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7320 Second Language Acquisition I (3 units)
Second language acquisition, concentrating on theoretical, experimental and
methodological issues.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7330 Topics in Theoretical Linguistics I (3 units)
Topic to be announced.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7331 Topics in Theoretical Linguistics II (3 units)
Topic to be announced.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7332 Seminar in Theoretical Linguistics I (3 units)
Topic to be announced.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7333 Seminar in Theoretical Linguistics II (3 units)
Topic to be announced.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7340 Second Language Acquisition II (3 units)
Current issues in second language acquisition.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7341 Psycholinguistics II (3 units)
Current issues in psycholinguistics.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7342 Sociolinguistics II (3 units)
Current issues in sociolinguistics.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7343 Neurolinguistics (3 units)
Fundamentals of neurolinguistics: concepts, methods and theories.
Course Component: Seminar
LIN 7701 Statistiques pour la recherche en linguistique (3 crédits)
Méthodes statistiques appliquées à la recherche en linguistique,
incluant les méthodes appartenant à la statistique descriptive et à la
statistique inférentielle (distributions, écarts-type, analyse de la variance,
analyse de la variance multiple, régressions, corrélations et statistiques
t). Apprentissage de l’utilisation de logiciels statistiques. Lecture et
rédaction de rapports de résultats statistiques. Formation pratique dans
l’étude et l’analyse des données linguistiques.
Volet : Séminaire
LIN 7710 Séminaire I (3 crédits)
Sujet à déterminer.
Volet : Séminaire
LIN 7711 Séminaire II (3 crédits)
Sujet à déterminer.
Volet : Séminaire
LIN 7712 Séminaire III (3 crédits)
Sujet à déterminer.
Volet : Séminaire
LIN 7913 Séminaire IV / Seminar IV (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
LIN 7921 Cours de pratique psycholinguistique / Practicum in
Psycholinguistics (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar
LIN 7997 Mémoire de maîtrise / M.A./ Research Paper
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
LIN 8398 Doctoral Seminar
Development of presentational and writing skills (abstracts, articles);
the inner workings of the linguistic community (conferences, types
of publications, the publication process); the academic job market
(applications, interviews); the academic career; the non-academic job
market and the transferability of academic skills.
Course Component: Seminar
Previously LIN 8998.
LIN 9998 Examen de candidature du doctorat / Ph.D. Qualifying
Examination
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
CDN 6520 Séminaire sur la francophonie canadienne (3 crédits)
Séminaire sur des thèmes se rapportant à la francophonie canadienne,
particulièrement les francophones vivant en situation minoritaire.
Volet : Séminaire
CDN 6910 Séminaire en études canadiennes / Seminar in Canadian
Studies (3 crédits / 3 units)
Séminaire interdisciplinaire bilingue sur des sujets se rapportant au
Canada. Les thèmes seront choisis en consultation avec les unités
participantes, en tenant compte du nombre d’étudiants, de l’orientation
de leur recherches et celles des unités participantes. / Bilingual
interdisciplinary seminar on issues related to the study of Canada.
Topics to be selected in consultation with participating units, taking into
consideration the number of students, their research interests and those
of the participating units.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar