LINGUISTICS, PH.D.

Degree Requirements (60 Post-Baccalaureate Hours)

Core Courses (18 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
LING 710	Introduction to Phonology	3
LING 720	Introduction to Syntax	3
LING 711	Phonological Theory	3
or LING 721	Syntactic Theory	
Select three more graduate level core linguistics courses in phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and/or pragmatics [1]		9
Total Credit Hours		**18**

[1] Exclusive of LING 600. Other courses may be used to satisfy this requirement pending the approval of the student's advisor and the graduate director.

Note: Students who proceed from the M.A. to the Ph.D. will need to take one more course to satisfy the Ph.D. core requirement if LING 600 was counted as an M.A. core requirement.

Primary Field (12 Hours)

- Ph.D. students should take at least 4 courses (12 credit hours) in an area approved by the student's Ph.D. committee.

Secondary Field or Breadth Requirement (9-12 Hours)

- Students may decide on a secondary field in which they will take 3-4 courses (9-12 credit hours). Alternatively, students who do not wish to declare a secondary field will take course work in Linguistics outside of their primary field of at least nine hours.

Methodology (3-6 Hours)

Students are required to take at least 1 and up to 2 approved methodology courses. Approved courses include any Linguistic methodology course, in addition to the following courses offered by other departments:

Course	Title	Credits
BIOS 700	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
EDRM 710	Educational Statistics I	3
EDRM 711	Educational Statistics II	3
PSYC 709	Basic Quantitative Methods in the Analysis of Behavioral Data I	3
PSYC 710	Basic Quantitative Methods in the Analysis of Behavioral Data II	3
STAT 515	Statistical Methods I	3
STAT 516	Statistical Methods II	3

Elective Courses (0-6 Hours)

- Up to 2 courses (6 credit hours) approved by the program, in elective LING courses. Additional credit hours may be taken in coursework approved by the student's Ph.D. committee.

Dissertation Hours (12-30 Hours)

Course	Title	Credits
LING 899	Dissertation Preparation	1-12
Total Credit Hours		**1-12**

Note: LING 806: The Graduate School's official policy on independent study is to allow up to 9 hours towards the Ph.D.

Foreign Language Requirement

Candidates must demonstrate knowledge of two approved languages other than their native language. For the second language, a student may, with the approval of the student's advisor and the graduate director, substitute a research methods, statistics, or computer science course. Demonstrating knowledge of a foreign language can be accomplished in one of the following ways:

- successful completion of an intensive reading course in a language - approved by The Graduate School - while a graduate student at USC,
- successful completion of a course at the intermediate level of language proficiency no more than six years prior to award of the degree,
- a passing grade on a language reading proficiency examination administered by the USC Department of Language, Literatures, and Cultures,
- completing 6 hours of coursework in a non-Indo-European language with a grade of at least a B.
- 3 credits of a research methods class (NOTE: if a student claims a research methods course as a substitute for a foreign language requirement they cannot claim the same course as fulfilling the research methods requirement)

If a student claims a research methods course as a substitute for the second foreign language that is required, that course cannot be used to fulfill the research methods requirement.

Nonnative speakers of English may select English as a foreign language, upon submission of the following Certification In English as a Foreign Language for Masters and Doctoral Programs (https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/graduate_school/documents/g-cie.certification.in.english.pdf).

The Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures has further information about Graduate Reading Proficiency Exams (https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/dllc/study/graduate/grad_reading_exam.php).