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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME!

Welcome to graduate studies in the Department of Linguistics! This manual is designed to help you understand and successfully complete the steps necessary to finish a graduate degree in Linguistics at the University of New Mexico. It will acquaint you with the resources available to you in the department and in the office of Graduate Studies (GS) as well as the requirements set by the department and by Graduate Studies. (Note: Until recently, Graduate Studies was known as “OGS” and you are likely to hear it referred to in that way.)

Policies and procedures for obtaining a master’s or doctoral degree are laid out here in general form. You should regularly consult the department’s Director of Graduate Studies, your faculty mentor, or your Committee on Studies for assistance. **It is up to you to be sure that you complete all steps toward the award of a degree in a timely and appropriate manner.**

In addition to this manual, you should carefully review the [University of New Mexico Catalog \(Especially review all sections under: Student Information and Policies > Graduate Programs\)](#). Students may graduate under the degree requirements of any Catalog in effect since the year in which they were first enrolled in a degree-granting graduate program at The University of New Mexico, provided that they have maintained continuous active status and they complete the graduation requirements for the degree sought within the appropriate time period. Students who are readmitted or who transfer from one degree granting program to another within the University graduate under the Catalog in effect at the time of their readmission/transfer or a succeeding Catalog. The Catalog under which a student intends to graduate must be specified on the first page of their Program of Studies/Application for Candidacy. Students must meet all the degree requirements for graduation in the Catalog chosen. Also, *Pathfinder*, UNM’s student handbook and calendar (<http://pathfinder.unm.edu>), is the source of much crucial information on rights and responsibilities, sexual harassment, grievance procedures, student standards, and other policies and regulations.

This handbook includes separate sections on the master’s and doctoral degrees. It reproduces some of the most important information from the *UNM Catalog*. Please be aware that university and department requirements and procedures may be revised at any time due to unforeseen circumstances, though it is unlikely that any changes will have a significant impact on your program of studies.

We ask that you keep the department informed of your progress toward the degree on a timely basis. In particular, please keep in mind that **all forms and documentation required by Graduate Studies must be processed through the department’s Director of Graduate Studies and the Academic Coordinator**. While most forms are sent directly from the student to the appropriate Graduate Studies staff, it is helpful to copy the Academic Coordinator in this correspondence so that forms and details can be stored in the student’s file.

We wish you all the best as you begin your program here. If there is any way that the department can assist you further, please do not hesitate to ask.

LINGUISTICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

The UNM Department of Linguistics is the only degree-granting linguistics program in one of the most multilingual and multicultural states in the U.S. As such, it bears particular responsibilities both to the field of linguistics and to the residents of the region it serves. The

department thus has two concerns: (1) teaching and research on language structure and use, and (2) service to society on language-related issues.

The department's approach to linguistic theory takes a primarily cognitive-functional perspective that focuses on language structure as interacting with language use. This orientation emphasizes the study of language typology, change, discourse, interaction, variation, processing, and acquisition. The department is particularly concerned with the study of regional languages (especially Native American languages and Spanish) and signed languages (American Sign Language in particular).

This theoretical approach provides the foundation for effectively addressing our commitment to the application of linguistics to social concerns, including minority language maintenance and empowerment of minority communities. Thus, the department not only studies and teaches about the structure and use of language, but also encourages faculty and student involvement as advocates and participants in outreach to the linguistic communities in which we carry out research.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

In addition to offering an undergraduate major and minor in Linguistics, the department houses the Signed Language Interpreting program and the Navajo language program.

The B.A. major in Linguistics requires a minimum of 30 semester hours above the 300-level and the equivalent of four semesters of a second language. Required courses in this program include introductory courses in linguistics, phonetics, phonology, syntax, sociolinguistics, and psycholinguistics. A second B.A. major consisting of 24 hours in coursework is also offered. The undergraduate minor requires 21 hours of Linguistics coursework.

The Linguistics Program also offers a Shared Credit B.A. / M.A. Degree Program which enables undergraduate students to apply some of their coursework towards both a B.A. and M.A. in Linguistics, thus completing the two degrees in a shorter time. Students should apply during their junior year. Details of this program can be found in the UNM [Catalog](#).

The B.S. in Signed Language Interpreting requires a minimum of 40 semester hours of coursework in American Sign Language, Signed English, fingerspelling, Deaf culture, linguistics, consecutive and simultaneous interpretation, and other aspects of the field of signed language interpreting. The minor in ASL requires 18 hours of ASL language and linguistics courses.

The minor in Navajo Language and Linguistics requires 18 hours of Navajo language and Navajo linguistics courses. An interdisciplinary Diné Language Immersion Teacher Certificate program consisting of 30 hours of coursework is also offered to support the unique needs of Diné communities to revitalize and sustain their languages by increasing the number of Diné language teachers. The Navajo language program regularly offers two years of Navajo. More advanced Navajo courses are also offered. The department also periodically offers basic courses on other Native American languages and less commonly taught languages.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The Department of Linguistics offers both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees with particular strengths in functional and cognitive approaches to linguistic theory, Southwest languages (including Spanish and Native American languages of the region), and American Sign Language (ASL).

The Department also actively supports and participates in the doctoral program in Educational Linguistics offered through the Division of Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural

Studies (LLSS) in the College of Education. For information on this program, see <https://coe.hhs.unm.edu/departments-programs/llss/educational-linguistics/index.html>.

Graduate students in a number of other departments, especially Anthropology, LLSS, Spanish and Portuguese, and Speech and Hearing Sciences may develop concentrations in linguistics at the master's or doctoral level. Students interested in graduate work in linguistics in another department are advised to consult the Chair of the Department of Linguistics as well as the department to which they are applying.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students who have completed a baccalaureate degree in Linguistics may apply for admission to the M.A. program or the Ph.D. program. Students who have had extensive research experience as undergraduates and have already written a paper of publishable quality can apply to the Ph.D. program. For students who have had coursework in Linguistics but have not yet carried out a research project and written a research manuscript, we recommend that they apply to the M.A. program. This is also the correct degree program for students who did not study Linguistics as undergrads. The M.A. program will give these students the additional research experience and writing experience to allow them to successfully complete the Ph.D. Students who apply to the Ph.D. program may be admitted to the M.A. instead of the PhD if their writing sample does not provide evidence of the level of expertise we expect of our PhD students.

U.S. citizens, permanent residents and international applicants who apply to the M.A. and Ph.D. programs should apply on-line at <http://www.unm.edu/apply>. All forms and other necessary documentation is outlined on the Graduate Studies website, <http://grad.unm.edu/prospective-students/apply-now.html>. International Students have slightly different application requirements and should refer to the International Admissions website for more information: <https://international.unm.edu/>

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are not required by the Department of Linguistics.

All applicants must submit three letters of recommendation, a letter of intent, and copies of transcripts from all colleges and universities attended directly to the department. NOTE: Applicants may upload unofficial transcripts from all attended institutions along with their application for the Linguistics Department to review in order to make an admission decision. However, applicants **must** submit official transcripts to UNM in order for their application to be complete. Applicants may receive an admission offer from the department without having submitted official transcripts but cannot receive an admission offer from UNM until all official transcripts are received. Applicants to the Ph.D. program must also submit directly to the department a copy of the M.A. thesis or a research paper of high quality.

Applicants to the Ph.D. program who completed the M.A. in Linguistics at UNM must submit a new application.

Deadlines. The following deadlines pertain to Linguistics:

Fall semester: Applications for both the M.A. and Ph.D. programs should be received by **December 15th** for best consideration. Applications to the Ph.D. program must be complete by **March 31st** in order to be considered for admission in the Fall semester. **All applications seeking financial aid must be received by December 15th.**

Spring semester: Applications for the M.A. must be received by **October 31st** for best consideration. There is no spring admission to the Ph.D. program. Applicants to the Ph.D. program who completed the M.A. in Linguistics at UNM may apply to enter the Ph.D. program in the Spring semester; if so, the applicant must apply by **October 1st** for best consideration.

Admission to the graduate program may be deferred for up to one year, with the exception of students in the Shared Credit B.A./M.A. program who must continue directly from the B.A. to the M.A. without deferral in order for courses completed during the B.A. to be counted toward the M.A.. Students must submit the Admission Deferral Request Form to Graduate Studies. The form can be found at <https://admissions.unm.edu/forms/nocas-script.php?q=semester-change>. In addition, we request that students notify the Academic Coordinator of their deferral.

Please note that normally, no graduate linguistics courses are offered in the summer.

FINANCIAL AID

University of New Mexico support for graduate students takes two forms: assistantships and fellowships. A few fellowships are awarded through Graduate Studies and are open on a highly competitive basis to all graduate students in the university. The Department also offers the Joseph H. Greenberg Fellowship to one outstanding Ph.D. applicant per year. The Greenberg Fellow is supported by the Fellowship fund for three years, with a fourth year of support from a combination of Fellowship funding and a teaching assistantship (or other support), conditional on satisfactory progress in their studies. Additional Financial Aid opportunities may be available to Grad Students through the Graduate Studies Department. Visit the [Funding page](#) on Grad Studies' website.

The Department of Linguistics each year provides limited financial support to graduate students. This support currently includes several graduate and teaching assistantships. The assistantship awards are made strictly on the basis of academic merit and are allocated by the department faculty collectively in March for the following academic year. Those selected for assistantships may be assigned to serve as an assistant to a faculty member, or to have full teaching responsibility for a course (typically a section of Ling 2110, *Introduction to the Study of Language*). Most assistantships are half-time (.25 FTE) and provide a stipend, tuition remission for up to 6 credit hours per semester and a health insurance plan. Entering students will also be considered for nomination for other forms of support that may be available.

Tuition fellowships through Graduate Studies are available only to those who are permanent residents of the state of New Mexico. The awards are made on the basis of merit and financial need. Tuition remission for up to 12 credit hours per semester is provided.

In addition, research assistantships and project assistantships are occasionally available to graduate students to work on research or public service projects usually funded by outside sources. Selection of assistants is made by the faculty member who serves as the project's principal investigator, and the primary basis for selection is the student's ability to handle the specific project assignment. Examples of recent projects include the *Diné Language Teachers Institute* (funded by the New Mexico Public Education Department and directed by Melvatha Chee), the *Indigenous Child Language Research Center* (funded by the Higher Education Department of New Mexico and directed by Melvatha Chee), the *Lobo Language Acquisition Lab* (funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and directed by Melvatha Chee, Jill Morford and Naomi Shin), *Constituents and Heads in Prosody Perception* (funded by the National Science

Foundation and directed by Caroline Smith), and *Addressee effects in demonstrative systems across bilingual communities* (funded by the National Science Foundation and directed by Naomi Shin and Rosa Vallejos-Yopán).

Graduate students in linguistics often receive support in other University programs, for example, as instructors in the Center for English Language and American Culture (CELAC), as tutors for undergraduates or as writing coaches for graduate students at the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), and as teaching assistants or project assistants in other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences such as the Department of Spanish & Portuguese or the Department of Foreign Languages. Work-study positions are also available for graduate students with in-state tuition status. You must apply for Financial Aid to be offered one of these positions. Applications are available at <http://finaid.unm.edu>.

Funding for research and travel to conferences. Financial support for graduate student research or participation in conferences is available from several sources. Graduate Studies offers the Doctoral Conference Presentation Award as well as research funding (see <http://grad.unm.edu/funding/research-travel-grants/index.html>). Career Services runs the Student Conference Award Program (<https://career.unm.edu/students--alumni/student-conference-award-program.html>), open to undergraduate and graduate students. The GPSA provides money for graduate student research projects and for travel expenses to conferences through several types of funding. Information is available from the Graduate and Professional Student Association, <https://gpsa.unm.edu/funding/grants-funding/grant-scholarship.html>. The Department Chair may also have limited supplementary funds for student travel and research projects; a “Travel Request” form is available from the Department Administrator.

The Steven Menefee Graduate Fund, administered by the Department of Linguistics, honors a former doctoral student who was passionate about studying at-risk indigenous languages. Steven died of leukemia before completing his dissertation, and the fund honors Steven’s memory by supporting graduate student research on indigenous languages. The amount of the award will vary. Applications will be solicited during the fall semester.

HIGH DESERT LINGUISTIC SOCIETY

The [High Desert Linguistic Society](#) (HDLS) is the linguistics graduate student organization affiliated with UNM’s Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), which allocates a small portion of student fees to HDLS to support its activities. The HDLS sponsors a variety of activities for the benefit of all linguistics students, including monthly UniTeas (tea, snacks & socializing), and a brown bag series called the Roadrunner Talks. HDLS also sponsors a biannual conference that attracts graduate students and scholars from around the world and publishes a volume of proceedings based on the conference.

HDLS officers are elected biannually during the Spring semester following the HDLS conference. Officers serve for 2 years, through the completion of the next conference.

DEPARTMENT FACILITIES

The department is currently temporarily housed in multiple locations on campus for an estimated 3-5 years as a new Humanities building is constructed. More information on temporary offices is be posted on the [department’s website](#). Zimmerman Library houses an exceptional linguistics collection. The department and UNM’s Information Technology Services provide computational facilities and other equipment increasingly important in the study of

linguistics. The department also has ready access to the recording facilities of the Language Learning Center. Department faculty provide supervision for student research projects in psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, language typology, experimental phonetics, signed language linguistics, and field research.

The department environment is enriched each year by colloquia and by less formal Roadrunner talks at which faculty and graduate students report on their research. The department also typically has visiting scholars each year who enliven the scholarly interchange.

The department mailroom is temporarily housed in the Spanish/Portuguese Department's mailroom in Ortega 235. Each graduate student has their own mailbox in this office which is open Monday – Friday 8-12 & 1 -5. Be sure to check your box regularly for special notices or for any mail that may be directed to the department for you.

The Clark Field Archive and Library in the Anthropology Department has a small but good set of linguistics books, especially in the area of Native American languages. For information on hours, contact the Anthropology Department.

Graduate students are eligible to request a key to a small shared Linguistics Graduate Lounge/Study space in Ortega 351D. Send key requests to the Academic Coordinator. The department also maintains a Sound booth which can be used by Grad Students. Please sign up using the form on the [Requesting to Use the Lab](#) webpage.

Please check that any doors lock behind you when you enter and leave spaces to prevent theft of your items or department equipment.

ADVISEMENT

M.A. candidates receive advisement from the department's Director of Graduate Studies. Upon arrival on campus, you should contact the Director of Graduate Studies to discuss prerequisite courses which must be completed and plan the program of coursework which leads to the master's degree. The role of the Director of Graduate Studies is to ensure that you acquire an appropriate depth and breadth of exposure to the various subfields of linguistics during the time spent at UNM. Your faculty mentor will also be able to help you plan coursework each semester.

Ph.D. candidates are initially advised by the faculty member who agrees to fulfill the role of mentor at the time of the student's admission to the doctoral program. You should also consult the Director of Graduate Studies for guidance. As you develop your program of studies, you will set up and work with a Committee on Studies composed of three faculty. Details about advising at the doctoral level are provided in the Ph.D. section of this manual.

Minimum Grades. Department policy is that graduate students must receive a B- or better in all graduate and pre-requisite courses in linguistics. Courses in which the student earns a lower grade must be re-taken, or another course substituted to fulfill a requirement.

STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The University of New Mexico has adopted a policy for handling student grievances regarding academic and disciplinary matters. The general student conduct and grievance procedure can be found in Pathfinder at <http://pathfinder.unm.edu/student-grievance-procedure.html>. More specific procedures for graduate students can be found in the Faculty Handbook, at <https://handbook.unm.edu/d176/>.

THE MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS

The Master of Arts in Linguistics is intended to achieve the following academic goals:

Goal A: Breadth of Basic Knowledge

To be able to compare and evaluate linguistic theories in several core areas of linguistics

A.1. (University Student Learning Objective Alignment: Knowledge)

Students will describe basic principles of leading functional, cognitive, and typological linguistic theories in phonology, morphosyntax, semantics or discourse, and language change.

Goal B: Critical Understanding of the Field

To be able to critically analyze state-of-the-art research

B.1. (University SLO Alignment: Knowledge)

Students will describe the hypotheses, arguments and evidence presented in current research publications in core areas of linguistics.

Goal C: Original Data Analysis

To develop the ability to collect and analyze naturally occurring linguistic data

C.1. (University SLO Alignment: Skills)

Students will analyze a novel set of naturally occurring data following principles of a linguistic theory.

The Department of Linguistics offers the M.A. degree in Linguistics under Plan I (24 semester hours of coursework plus 6 hours of thesis) or Plan II (32 hours of coursework without a thesis) according to the general regulations set forth in the *UNM Catalog*, with the additional requirement that a minimum of 12 hours of 500-level courses is required under either plan.

All work toward the M.A. degree (including coursework transferred from another institution) must be completed within a seven-year period. This seven-year period commences with the first graduate course listed on the student's Program of Studies.

Students are advised to familiarize themselves with Graduate Studies (GS) regulations, which can be found in the [UNM Catalog under >Student Information & Policies > The Graduate Program](#).

PLAN I OR PLAN II?

As soon as you are admitted to the M.A. program, you should start thinking about whether writing a thesis (Plan I) or completing additional coursework (Plan II) would be most suited to your interests and long-range career goals. There are benefits to both approaches. The intensive research and writing involved in preparing a thesis can be valuable preparation for further studies at the Ph.D. level or for employment in a specific area related to linguistics. On the other hand, the M.A. program may be seen as the opportunity to pursue broad experience in linguistics. The coursework option ensures a strong foundation in linguistics with an appropriate depth and breadth of knowledge to pursue further studies or professional employment.

Plan I Requirements:

- 1) A minimum of 24 hours of coursework:
 - At least 12 of these hours must be 500-level courses.
 - No more than 6 of these hours may be problems courses (independent study).
 - At least 12 of these hours must be completed after admission to the M.A. program with the exception of students who were part of the Shared Credit Program; those students can apply up to 18 hours of coursework taken for shared credit.
- 2) Six hours of Thesis (599) credit, completion of a master's thesis and a successful oral defense of the thesis.

Plan II Requirements:

- 1) A minimum of 32 hours of coursework:
 - At least 12 of these hours must be 500-level courses.
 - No more than 12 of these hours may be problems courses (independent study).
 - At least 16 of these hours must be completed after admission to the M.A. program with the exception of students who were part of the Shared Credit Program; those students can apply up to 18 hours of coursework taken for shared credit.
- 2) Completion of the M.A. Comprehensive Examinations.

There is a seven-year limit to completion of all requirements for the M.A. degree.

M.A. ADVISEMENT

All aspects of your program of studies must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies. You are also encouraged to develop academic guidance relationships with other department faculty with shared mutual interests.

Course Load. A full-time enrollment at the graduate level is 3 classes, totaling 9 credit hours. However, if you have an assistantship of any kind, full-time enrollment is 2 classes, 6 credit hours. For most students, it is inadvisable to enroll in more classes than regular full-time enrollment.

Under current state legislation, domestic nonresident students may take courses at the resident tuition rate if the total number of credit hours is six or less. After nonresident students establish residency, normally after a year of residence in New Mexico, they will qualify for the resident tuition rate for all courses they take.

Please note: Although 6 credit hours and a TAsip are considered to be a full-time student status, Federal Financial Aid considers 6 credit hours to be a part time student status and this can result in a reduction of your Federal Financial Aid. Please consult with a Financial Aid Officer at the UNM Financial Aid Office to verify the impact of a TAsip on any Federal Financial Aid you may be receiving.

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisites. The entering M.A. student is expected to have completed 12 hours of basic linguistics courses as prerequisites, including the following courses or their equivalents: introductory linguistics (Ling 301), phonetics (Ling 303), phonological analysis (Ling 504), and grammatical analysis (Ling 522). Although it is possible to make up a deficiency in these

prerequisites after admission to the M.A. program, we recommend completion of three prerequisites prior to applying to the program, particularly for students with no other coursework in linguistics. Any remaining prerequisite courses must be completed as soon as possible after admission and may not be counted toward the minimum coursework requirements of the degree. M.A. students *must* enroll in 500-level course numbers when available.

Core M.A. Coursework. (See Page 19 for checklist.) You are expected to complete 21 hours of advanced courses at the graduate level covering the core areas of linguistics:

- a graduate course in phonological theory (502 or 503 or relevant seminar)
- a graduate course in morphosyntax (512)
- a graduate course in language change (546)
- a graduate course in psycholinguistics (e.g., 560, 562, 565, 567, 568, 569)
- a graduate course in sociolinguistics (e.g., 533, 534, or a relevant seminar)
- two graduate courses, covering two of the three following research areas:
 - discourse/syntax (529, 535, or a seminar on a relevant topic);
 - semantics/cognitive linguistics (519, 525, 568 or a seminar on a relevant topic);
 - typology/field linguistics (511, 513, 517, 548, or a seminar on a relevant topic).

This required core coursework cannot be satisfied by problems courses (independent study), by substitute courses, or by in-absentia study. Any request for an exception to this policy must be submitted in writing to the department's Graduate Committee. If approved, the request, including signatures of approval by the Graduate Committee members, is to be placed in the student's file.

University regulations specify that no more than half of the credit hours towards the degree be taken from a single professor, exclusive of thesis credit hours.

Language courses must be available for graduate credit in order to count towards the M.A. or Ph.D. graduate credit hour requirement. Many language courses with 2110, 2120, 301 etc. course numbers do not count toward the graduate credit hour requirement.

Linguistics courses taken as an undergraduate, including undergraduate linguistics at UNM, normally cannot be used to fulfill M.A. course requirements. For example, if an M.A. student has taken 300- or 400-level courses in psycholinguistics or sociolinguistics as an undergraduate, s/he must still take at least one 500-level course in psycholinguistics and sociolinguistics as an M.A. student. The only exception is if an M.A. student took Ling 412 (Morphosyntax) or Ling 446 (Introduction to Language Change) as an undergraduate at UNM and passed those courses with a grade of B- or higher. In this case, the student does not need to take the Ling 512 (Morphosyntax) or Ling 546 (Introduction to Language Change) M.A. course requirements. However, in place of Ling 512 and/or Ling 546, the student must take the equivalent number of credit hours in linguistics electives (in any subject area).

Deaf students are excused from taking Linguistics 303, Introduction to Phonetics, which is normally a required prerequisite to the M.A. in Linguistics. They are expected to fulfill all other prerequisites, notably Linguistics 304 / 504, Phonological Analysis.

In phonology, the M.A. requires either Linguistics 502 or 503. Deaf students may substitute a graduate course in ASL Phonology, subject to verification by the department's Graduate Committee that the content and level of the course are appropriate.

Elective M.A. Coursework. The remaining required hours consist of electives and/or M.A. thesis hours. In Plan 1, you must take 1 elective (3 credit hours) and a minimum of 6 M.A. thesis

hours; you may take additional M.A. thesis hours if necessary to complete your thesis and remain registered at UNM. Under Plan II, you must take 4 electives (12 credit hours—actually only 11 credit hours are required, but most Linguistics courses are 3 credit hours). The electives are selected by you, with the approval of the department's Director of Graduate Studies or your faculty mentor. When appropriate to a specialization, you may take specific research skills courses (e.g., logic or statistics), or courses from another department as part of the elective coursework.

Your full program of studies must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies and by Graduate Studies (see Program of Studies below).

Minimum Grades. Department policy is that graduate students must receive a B- or better in all graduate and pre-requisite courses in linguistics. Courses in which the student earns a lower grade must be re-taken, or another course substituted to fulfill a requirement.

Academic Probation. The university defines three types of academic probation. A student whose cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 will be placed on Type 1 probation. A student who earns any combination of two grades of NC, F, WF, INC and/or IF will be placed on Type 2 probation. A student who receives 6 or more credit hours of incomplete grades will be placed on Type 3 probation.

Students on any type of probation are not eligible to hold assistantships, nor are they allowed to take master's examinations, defend theses, or graduate. Students on Type 2 probation may have these restrictions waived if they maintain a GPA of 3.5 for two consecutive semesters. Students on Type 3 probation may provisionally hold assistantships for one semester if their semester GPA is at least 3.0. Students on Type 1 probation will be suspended if their cumulative GPA does not reach 3.0 after 12 additional credit hours of graduate work or four semesters in probationary status, whichever comes first. Students on Type 2 probation will be suspended if a third NC, F, WF, INC or IF grade is earned. Further details of university policies on academic probation can be found in the UNM [Catalog under Student Information and Policies > The Graduate Program > Probation and Suspension](#).

Transfer of Credits. The transfer of credit from another university or from non-degree status is not automatic. With the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies, up to 50% of the M.A. coursework requirements may be transfer credits, provided that (a) the coursework is judged to be appropriate to your program of studies, and (b) the coursework is completed within the required seven-year period.

Graduate level linguistics courses taken after completing a bachelor's degree, such as graduate linguistics courses taken as a non-degree student at UNM, may be counted towards M.A. course requirements. Such courses may also be counted towards the UNM M.A. total credit hour requirements. Courses transferred from other institutions and/or taken in non-degree status at UNM may not exceed 50% of the required coursework for the M.A. degree.

NOTE: Quarter hours are converted to .67 semester hours each.

NOTE: A course that has been counted toward a previous degree may not be counted again for the Master's degree, except as specified for students admitted to the Shared Credit B.A./M.A. Degree Program.

Continuous Enrollment/Leave of absence. If you need to interrupt your studies and disenroll for one or more semesters, the policies vary depending on which Plan you are following and where you are in your program. Students who have begun 599 Thesis hours must maintain continuous enrollment (excluding Summer semesters) through the graduation semester or request a Leave of

Absence. Students not enrolled in 599 Thesis hours are not required to submit a leave of absence should they disenroll, but if you do not enroll for two continuous semesters (including Summer), you must enroll by the registration deadline of the third semester or submit a Leave of Absence request. Otherwise you would be required to reapply to the program. Time disenrolled without an approved leave of absence counts against the time to degree limit. Please refer to the Continuous Enrollment Policies in the current UNM Catalog under “Student Information and Policies > The Graduate Program Student Information & Policies > Graduate Academic Policies” and contact the Academic Coordinator if you plan to disenroll at any point. In situations where a Leave of Absence request is necessary or preferred, students must request in advance from the home graduate unit and Graduate Studies a formal leave of absence. Leaves of absence may be granted to students in good standing in cases of illness, emergency, family exigency, and employment or professional opportunities. Leaves of absence are granted on a semester-by-semester basis and generally are limited to a maximum of one calendar year. With a formal leave of absence approved in advance, the time a student is on leave does not count against the time to degree limit.

For students on financial aid requesting a leave of absence, please submit the Scholarship Petition form which is found at <http://finaid.unm.edu/forms/>.

CONCENTRATION IN NATIVE LANGUAGES OF THE SOUTHWEST

The Department of Linguistics offers the M.A. in Linguistics with a Concentration in Native Languages of the Southwest. The program is designed to take advantage of the resources in the Departments of Linguistics, Native American Studies, and Anthropology, as well as the College of Education. The concentration on Native American Languages will be supported by the department’s interest in functional grammar and sociolinguistics.

Candidates for the M.A. with a Concentration in Native American Languages of the Southwest must take the 21 hours of core courses listed on page 11. Additionally, the candidate should choose one of three focus areas: 1) field research on Native American languages, 2) issues in bilingual education, or 3) Navajo studies. The candidate must take four courses in the chosen focus area, and one course from either of the other two focus areas. The following courses satisfy the focus requirements; related courses approved by the Director of Graduate Studies may also be used to satisfy the requirements. Courses fulfilling the concentration can also be applied to the MA requirements listed above.

Field research

LING 511	Language Documentation
LING 513	Linguistic Field Methods
LING 515	Native American Languages
LING 559	Language and Culture
NATV 545	Politics of Identity
NATV 502	Education, Power, and Indigenous Communities

Bilingualism and bilingual/multicultural education

LING 562	Childhood Bilingualism
LING 568	Seminar in Psycholinguistics: Bilingualism

LLSS 554	Teaching the Native American Child
LLSS 560	Language and Education in Southwest Native American Communities
LLSS 580	Seminar in the Education of the Bilingual Student

Navajo

NVJO 511	Navajo Verb System I
NVJO 512	Navajo Verb System II
NVJO 515	Advanced Navajo
NVJO 501	Navajo Linguistics

Information about the Navajo Language Program can be found here: <https://navajo.unm.edu/>

PROGRAM OF STUDIES

You must file your “Program of Studies” listing all of your completed coursework electronically through the GradForms website: <https://gradforms.unm.edu/home>. Your PoS will be forwarded to your advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies for approval. This form may not be submitted before completion of 12 hours of coursework. It must be approved by GS before you take the master’s comprehensive examination. The deadlines are as follows: For Spring graduation, the PoS is due October 1st. For Fall graduation, the PoS is due July 1st. For Summer graduation, the PoS is due March 1st. These are GS deadlines. The department requires that these records be kept with us as well as with GS.

After the Program of Studies has been filed, you may change between Plans I and II only with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies and GS, and to do so, you must submit a new Program of Studies.

M.A. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS (PLAN II)

M.A. candidates on Plan II must pass the master’s comprehensive examination. This exam is usually taken during your last semester in the program. The examination may be taken only after the Program of Studies has been approved by GS and only if you have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.

Examination Areas. To permit you to display appropriate breadth and depth of understanding of the field of linguistics, you will be examined in three areas chosen from the following list of six options. You must select two areas from the first group and one area out of the second group:

- Group I: (a) syntax/discourse
 (b) semantics/cognitive linguistics
 (c) phonology/phonetics
 (d) typology/grammaticalization

- Group II: (e) psycholinguistics
 (f) sociolinguistics

Evaluation of the exam. The responsibility for administering the examination and providing the final evaluation is assigned to the M.A. Examination Committee, a committee of three faculty appointed by the department each year. You may request questions from any member of the faculty, whether they are or are not members of the Examination Committee. Regular, adjunct, and emeritus faculty are allowed to write examination questions. You will then work with these faculty to prepare your reading lists and define the topics to be treated in the exam questions. You should work with a different faculty member for each question. Your responses to all three questions are read by the members of the Examination Committee. In addition, the faculty member who wrote each question will read your response to that question and consult with the Examination Committee in evaluating your response. It is recommended that you notify the Director of Graduate Studies and Academic Coordinator that you plan to do comps at the beginning of the semester you plan to take them and select exam areas and faculty members around this time as well.

The examination typically consists of three-day take-home questions for each of the three areas chosen; responses of approximately 10 double-spaced pages in 12-point font per area are expected. Papers should use a consistent citation system and it's recommended to save files as PDFs with the following naming format: Student Last Name_Student First Name_Comp #_Subject_Faculty Question Writer. The exam is normally given over a 10-day period at the time of Fall Break or Spring Break. The exam committee may subsequently request an oral interview with you in order to determine the final evaluation of the exam.

A student who fails the examination is allowed a second attempt within one calendar year. The examination may be taken only twice.

Deadlines. At least two weeks before the beginning of the examination, you must submit an electronic "Announcement of Examination" form, available at <https://gradforms.unm.edu> (login required to access the form). Instructions for this form can be found here <https://grad.unm.edu/resources/graduate-students/gs-forms/announcement-examination.html>. Note that you should list the members of the department's M.A. Exam Committee as your committee members for the exam, not the faculty members who are writing your exam questions (although these may happen to include some of the same people). After you fill in your information, the form is sent to the department's Director of Graduate Studies for approval before being submitted to GS. Barring extraordinary circumstances, you will be notified of the results of the examination no later than two weeks from the date on which it was completed. Should such circumstances arise, the chair of the M.A. Examination Committee will inform you in writing of the reason for the delay and let you know when notification can be expected. The results of the examination must be reported to GS by November 15 for Fall graduation, April 15 for Spring graduation, or July 15 for Summer graduation.

M.A. Reading List. Upon deciding on an area for examination, you should consult with an appropriate faculty member in order to select the major books or articles to include on the list for that area. We expect students to have a general knowledge of the contents and approach presented in the books and a more detailed knowledge of the arguments and data contained in the articles. The reading list for each area may include books and articles assigned in courses. These are supplemented with works specific to the students' area of interest. A reading list typically consists of around 10 items. The reading list is selected by the candidate and the faculty who will write the candidate's questions (supervising faculty), in consultation with and with the approval of the Department's Director of Graduate Studies.

M.A. THESIS (PLAN I)

Plan I students must complete a minimum of six hours of thesis credit (Ling 599). These hours are usually distributed across the last year in the M.A. program, three hours in the first semester when the research is typically undertaken, and three hours in the following semester devoted to writing up the thesis. The thesis must demonstrate evidence of the ability to do sound research and writing as certified by the approval of your thesis committee.

Only six hours of Ling 599 may be applied to the program of studies. All graduate students enrolled in thesis hours (599) must maintain **continuous enrollment**, excluding summer semesters, from the first semester of registering in these hours through the semester of graduation. Students who miss one or more semesters must obtain approval for a formal leave of absence; if students miss one or more semesters without an approved leave of absence, they must file for readmission. Without a formal leave of absence approved in advance, the time a student is not enrolled counts against the time to degree limit. Thesis hours may be taken in the summer session, and the thesis may be defended during the summer with the approval of the thesis committee.

Thesis Committee. Your thesis is guided by a committee of three faculty members approved for graduate instruction, at least two of whom hold regular full-time faculty appointments at UNM, in the Linguistics department. The thesis chair, who assumes the major responsibility for guiding your work, must be a regular UNM faculty member approved by the Director of Graduate Studies. If you plan to have any committee members a member on your committee who is outside of the the UNM Linguistics Department, please let the Academic Coordinator know so they can confirm the committee member is on record with Grad Studies. If your committee member is not already approved and on record, you will be unable to add them to your Announcement of Exam, therefore it's best to confirm your committee members with the Academic Coordinator at least two weeks before submitting your Announcement of Exam form. This ensures outside committee members are approved with Grad Studies which must be done before the Announcement of Exam form is submitted. UNM regulates the composition of the M.A. thesis committee as follows (see the [UNM Catalog](#) for more information)

- Two members must be Category 1 OR one member can be Category 1 and one member may be Category 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major
- The chair of the exam committee must be Category 1, 5, or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major
- The third member can be any Category 1-6
- A co-chair can be from any Category 1-6 as long as the other co-chair is a Category 1 or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student's major.

The categories of committee members are as follows:

Category One: UNM tenured or tenure-track faculty or UNM-National Laboratory Professors. Role: chair or a member of any master's or doctoral committee in any discipline, regardless of the Faculty member's FTE status.

Category Two: Tenured or tenure-track faculty at other institutions. Role: external member on dissertation committee.

Category Three: Individuals whose primary employer is UNM and who hold the titles of research professor, research associate professor, research assistant professor; clinician educators

with the rank of professor, associate professor assistant professor or faculty hired onto the flex track or “V” category in the School of Medicine. Role: co-chair or member of master’s or dissertation committee; may only chair committees if his/her appointment is within the student’s major.

Category Four: Others who are considered experts in the field. Role: voting member of the committee.

Category Five: Emeriti/Emerita faculty may continue to chair existing committees for up to one calendar year from the date of their retirement if the graduate unit approves. They may not be appointed chair of any new committees once retired. Role: Chair, co-chair, or voting member of the committee.

Category Six: After the first year of retirement, Emeriti/Emerita faculty may continue to serve on committees if the graduate unit approves. Role: Co-Chair or voting member of the committee.

Final Examination for Thesis (Thesis Defense). You are responsible for providing each member of your committee with a complete final draft of the thesis in ample time (a minimum of two weeks) for review prior to the defense. The thesis defense should not be scheduled during the last two weeks of a semester or during the summer session. If this proves impossible, the student should submit a memo to the Department Chair requesting an exception, and briefly explaining the rationale for the exception. The memo will be reviewed by the internal members of the thesis committee and passed on to the Department Chair with a recommendation. If the Department Chair is a member of the committee, and there is only one internal member apart from the Department Chair, then the Director of Graduate Studies will take her/his place. The memo and decision are confidential, protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (see <http://registrar.unm.edu/privacy-rights/ferpa.html>), and will be kept in the student’s file.

This final examination is a public presentation of your thesis results in a department colloquium open to the UNM community. The focus of this presentation is the thesis and its relationship to the field of linguistics. Its purposes are (1) to provide an opportunity for you to communicate the research results to a wider group of scholars; (2) to afford an opportunity for the members of your committee and others to ask questions; (3) to ensure that the research reflects your independence of thought and accomplishment rather than excessive dependence on the guidance of a faculty member; and (4) to ensure that you are thoroughly familiar with the focus of the thesis and its relevance to the discipline of linguistics. Students should be prepared to give a 20-30 minute presentation on the highlights of the project, its data, methodology, and conclusions.

At least two weeks before the thesis defense is held, the “Announcement of Exam” form must be filed, which is available at <https://gradforms.unm.edu> (login required to access the form). Instructions for this form can be found here <https://grad.unm.edu/resources/graduate-students/gs-forms/announcement-examination.html>. The Announcement of Examination form requires the student to list the room where the defense will be held. This room is reserved by the Academic Coordinator. Room reservations through UNM can take 3-5 business days. To account for this processing time, it is recommended room requests are made one week before submitting the Announcement of Examination form. Along with the Announcement of Examination form, the department’s Academic Coordinator must be provided with the title and abstract of the thesis and the names of the committee members as well as a zoom link if applicable in order to prepare an announcement of the examination for publicity. If the announcement cannot be made at least two weeks before the examination, the student should submit a memo to the Department Chair requesting an exception, and briefly explaining the rationale for the exception.

At the conclusion of the defense, the thesis committee members confer to complete the “Report of Examination” on which they make one of the following recommendations, which must be agreed upon by at least two of the committee members: (1) that the thesis be approved without change; (2) that the thesis be approved subject only to minor editorial corrections; (3) that the thesis be rewritten or revised before approval; or (4) failure. If either the first or second recommendation is made, the committee may decide that no further meetings are needed. In the second instance the director of the thesis is responsible for seeing that all necessary corrections are made before the thesis is submitted to GS. If the third recommendation is made, the full committee may elect to meet again to determine that the concerns have been addressed.

Submission of Thesis. The submission process for theses and required forms is entirely online. Procedures for this are described at: <http://grad.unm.edu/degree-completion/thesis-dissertations/guidelines.html> and <https://grad.unm.edu/degree-completion/thesis-dissertations/forms-procedures.html> Please check these sites carefully in case of changes as the process may change. These pages and <http://grad.unm.edu/degree-completion/thesis-dissertations/submit-thesis.html> give information about which forms must be submitted with the thesis.

The Graduate Studies Manuscript Coordinator holds a very useful workshop on thesis mechanics several times each year.

GRADUATION

You must notify the Academic Coordinator early in the semester **prior** to the semester in which you plan to graduate. Each semester, the Academic Coordinator must submit to GS a list of all students intending to graduate at the end of the following semester. GS permits the removal of names from this list if a student delays graduation, so it is better to request to be added to the list even if you are not absolutely certain that you will be ready to graduate at that time.

In order to graduate, all degree requirements must be completed by November 15 for Fall, April 15 for Spring, or July 15 for Summer. If you do not complete all requirements as planned, let the Academic Coordinator know as soon as possible so that she can correct the paperwork with GS.

A Master’s student following Plan I must register in the semester that s/he submits her/his Master’s thesis. The deadline for submission of the final Master’s thesis is November 15 for Fall, April 15 for Spring or July 15 for Summer. If a student misses the submission deadline for the semester, but submits the final master’s thesis to GS before the last day of the semester, s/he will officially graduate in the following semester but will not have to register for credit hours in the following semester by utilizing Grad Study’s “courtesy policy.” If you miss the deadline and plan to utilize courtesy policy, please notify the Academic Coordinator to ensure you are on the graduation list for the appropriate semester.

You must be enrolled for at least one unit of graduate credit during the semester (including the summer session) in which you complete degree requirements. For Plan I students, this is usually the submission of the approved thesis to GS, and the required enrollment may be in thesis hours (Linguistics 599). Enrollment in Graduate Problems (Linguistics 595) is also acceptable as a required unit of enrollment for both Plan I and Plan II students.

Plan II students not intending to graduate during the semester in which they take their comprehensive exam may take the exam during a semester that they are not enrolled, provided that fewer than three consecutive semesters (including summer session) have elapsed since their last enrollment. Students who have not taken the comprehensive examination within this time

period will lose their graduate status and must apply for readmission and enroll for at least one graduate credit to regain that status.

Participation in Graduation Events. The university holds formal graduation ceremonies in December and May. Students who have completed all degree requirements during the preceding year are automatically sent an invitation. For M.A. students who are within one term of graduating and wish to participate in the commencement ceremony, the instructions are to contact the University Secretary's office (505) 277-4664 or univsec@unm.edu.

Every May, the Linguistics Department holds a more informal graduation ceremony, referred to as "Convocation", to honor graduates in Linguistics, Signed Language Interpreting, and the Navajo Language Program. Students who have completed all degree requirements during the preceding year are automatically sent an invitation to this ceremony. M.A. students on Plan 2 may participate if they have passed their comprehensive exams. For M.A. students on Plan 1 (writing a thesis) who have not yet completed their thesis but expect to complete all requirements by July 15, you may submit a request to participate in the department convocation to your committee chair. This request should be submitted before May 1. After consultation with the other members of the committee, the chair will determine if your participation is appropriate. The May 1 deadline allows the department time to adjust plans accordingly, including adding your name to the program.

Name _____ Date _____

M.A. CHECKLIST FOR COURSEWORK

A. **Coursework.** Up to 50% of credits may be transferred from another institution.

Plan I (24 credit hours + thesis): _____

Plan II (32 credit hours): _____

	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Smstr</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
PREREQUISITE COURSES				
Ling. 301 <i>Introduction to Linguistic Analysis</i>	___	___	___	_____
Ling. 303 <i>Introduction to Phonetics</i>	___	___	___	_____
Ling. 504 <i>Phonological Analysis</i>	___	___	___	_____
Ling. 522 <i>Grammatical Analysis</i>	___	___	___	_____

REQUIRED COURSES

1. Phonology

Ling. 502 <i>Current Approaches to Phonology</i>	___	___	___	_____
- OR -				
Ling. 503 <i>Usage-Based Phonology</i>	___	___	___	_____

2. Morphosyntax Ling. 512 <i>Morphosyntax</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Language Change Ling 546 <i>Introduction to Language Change</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Psycholinguistics _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Sociolinguistics _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6/7. Two courses covering two of: (i) discourse/syntax; (ii) semantics/cognitive linguistics; (iii) typology/field linguistics. _____ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Electives — 4 courses (or 1 + 6 credit hours of thesis) _____ Elective _____ Elective or Thesis _____ Elective or Thesis _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

STEPS TOWARDS GRADUATION FOR M.A. PLAN 1 (THESIS) STUDENTS

Italics = suggested dates.

Regular print indicates events for which there are university deadlines, although the precise dates may vary from year to year

action	deadline for Dec graduation	deadline for May graduation	deadline for July graduation
file your Program of Studies	July 1	Oct 1	March 1
ask Lacey to add you to the graduation list for the following semester	Late July	Late Nov	Late April
thesis chair should have most or all of thesis in near-final form	<i>Sep 15</i>	<i>Feb 15</i>	<i>May 15</i>
give complete, polished draft to committee to read	<i>Oct 1</i>	<i>March 1</i>	<i>June 1</i>
if you wish to participate in university commencement ceremony, sign up and purchase academic regalia	mid-late Oct	mid-late March	mid-late Oct (for December)
ask Lacey to request a room for your defense 1 week before submitting Announcement of Examination form	<i>Oct 8</i>	<i>March 8</i>	<i>June 8</i>
submit Announcement of Examination form (online) a minimum of two weeks before defense date	<i>Oct 15</i>	<i>March 15</i>	<i>June 15</i>
send Lacey the title, abstract, names and affiliations of committee members a minimum of two weeks before defense date	<i>Oct 15</i>	<i>March 15</i>	<i>June 15</i>
defend thesis	<i>Nov 1</i>	<i>April 1</i>	<i>July 1</i>
complete revisions and format thesis			
file thesis and related forms	Nov 15	April 15	July 15
if you wish to participate in Linguistics convocation, RSVP to invitation sent out by department in April	mid-April	mid-April	mid-April

STEPS TOWARDS GRADUATION FOR M.A. PLAN 2 (EXAM) STUDENTS

M.A. comprehensive exams can only be taken during the academic year, so no separate deadlines are provided for July graduation.

Italics = suggested dates.

Regular print indicates events for which there are university deadlines, although the precise dates may vary from year to year

action	deadline for Dec graduation	deadline for May graduation
file your Program of Studies	July 1	Oct 1
ask Lacey to add you to the graduation list for the following semester	Final day of summer semester	Final day of fall semester
Choose three topic areas for your exam questions (see list of areas in the Grad Manual; one must be sociolinguistics or psycholinguistics). Select one faculty member per area and ask them if they are willing to write an exam question for you.	<i>Aug 15</i>	<i>Jan 15</i>
Notify Director of Grad Studies and Academic Coordinator that you plan to do exam, especially if you wish to do it at a non-standard date. Normally, dates are the week of Fall Break and the week of Spring Break.	<i>Aug 20</i>	<i>Jan 20</i>
In consultation with faculty, determine reading list for each area.	<i>Aug 20</i>	<i>Jan 20</i>
submit Announcement of Examination form (online) a minimum of two weeks before date that exams begin	<i>Sep 25</i>	<i>Feb 28</i>
Take exams. Normally, the schedule is: First exam question given at noon Friday, due noon Monday. Second question given at noon Monday, due noon Thursday. Third question given at noon Thursday, due noon Monday.	<mid-Oct>	<mid-March>
if you wish to participate in university commencement ceremony, sign up and purchase academic regalia	mid-late Oct	mid-late March
Ensure that exams have been evaluated and Report filed by deadline	Nov 15	April 15
if you wish to participate in Linguistics convocation, RSVP to invitation sent out by department in April	mid-April	mid-April

THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LINGUISTICS

The Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics is intended to achieve the following academic goals:

Goal A: In-Depth Knowledge

To demonstrate detailed knowledge of a chosen subarea of linguistics

A.1. (University SLO Alignment: Knowledge)

Students will critically compare and evaluate theories and bring relevant data to bear on them in the subarea of linguistics chosen for doctoral research.

Goal B: Original Research

To be able to critically analyze state-of-the-art research

B.1. (University SLO Alignment: Skills)

Students will pose an original research problem in their chosen subarea.

B.2. (University SLO Alignment: Skills)

Students will produce a publishable research paper or monograph on a scientific problem.

Admission to the Ph.D. program is highly selective. The following criteria must be met:

- (1) successful completion of coursework equivalent to the B.A. in Linguistics at UNM with an average of B+ or better;
- (2) a completed research paper of publishable quality demonstrating ability to carry out independent research; and
- (3) willingness of a member of the department faculty to serve as the student's initial mentor.

Academic preparation in the Ph.D. program in Linguistics consists of a well-rounded program of coursework, research apprenticeship, and professional development activity. Each student's program should be designed to foster a fundamental knowledge of the field of linguistics, both in depth and breadth. Coursework meeting the minimum requirements does not automatically constitute an acceptable program of study. Your individual program must be approved by your Committee on Studies, the Director of Graduate Studies, and Graduate Studies (GS). These requirements reflect academic year 2024-25, for earlier catalog year degree requirements, please contact the Academic Coordinator.

COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS

The doctoral program requires a **minimum** of 48 semester hours of graduate credit coursework in linguistics. This minimum requirement may include up to 30 hours of master's degree credit (including thesis). At least 18 hours must be coursework beyond the M.A. degree. In addition, the student must complete a minimum of 18 hours of Dissertation (Ling 699) credit.

At least 24 credit hours must be completed at UNM, and at least 18 hours must be completed after admission to the doctoral program at UNM. A minimum of 18 hours exclusive of dissertation must be earned in UNM courses numbered 500 or above. No more than 50% of the

required course credits may be taken with a single faculty member; coursework completed for the master's degree is included in this limit.

Minimum Grades. Department policy is that graduate students must receive a B- or better in all graduate and pre-requisite courses in linguistics. Courses in which the student earns a lower grade must be re-taken, or another course substituted to fulfill a requirement.

Required Courses. The Ph.D. requirements include:

1. Phonetics/Phonology: Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - LING 502 - Current Approaches to Phonology (3)
 - LING 503 - Usage-based Phonology (3)
2. Discourse/Syntax: Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - LING 529 - Discourse Analysis (3)
 - LING 535 - Language Contact (3)
3. Semantics/Cognitive Linguistics: Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - LING 519 - Cognitive Linguistics (3)
 - LING 525 - Semantic Analysis (3)
 - LING 562 - Childhood Bilingualism (3)
 - LING 568 - Seminar in Psycholinguistics (3)
4. Typology/Field Linguistics: Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - LING 513 - Linguistics Field Methods (3)
 - LING 517 - Typology and Universals (3)
 - LING 548 - Grammaticization (3)
5. Sociolinguistics: Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - LING 533 - Sociolinguistic Variation (3)
 - LING 534 - Language and Gender (3)

A seminar on a relevant topic may be substituted for courses above with department approval.

6. Complete at least one methodology course (3 credits) appropriate to the field of specialization, e.g.,
 - LING 510 - Statistical Methods in Linguistics (3)
 - LING 513 - Field Methods (3)
 - LING 569L Experimental Psycholinguistics (3)

Sociophonetics (taught under varying course numbers) also satisfies the methodology requirement, as do some seminars taught under the 554 or 590 number (e.g., Experimental Phonetics). The course used for the methodology requirement can also be used for any of the other requirements, if appropriate.

7. Complete at least three advanced seminars (9 credits). Advanced linguistics courses not specifically designated as “seminars” can be used to satisfy this requirement; core courses in the Master’s program cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Seminar courses include:

8. Complete at least 21 credits of additional coursework:

Additional coursework to meet the minimum of 48 credit hours of graduate coursework. This may include up to 30 credit hours of appropriate courses from the M.A. but at least 18 credit hours must be work beyond the M.A. At least 24 credit hours must be completed at UNM and at least 18 credit hours must be at the 500- or 600-level.

9. Complete at least 18 credits of:

LING 699 - Dissertation (3 - 12)

These required courses cannot be satisfied by problems courses (independent study), by substitute courses, or by in-absentia study. Any request for an exception to this policy must be submitted in writing to the department’s Graduate Committee. If approved, the request, including signatures of approval by the Graduate Committee members, is to be placed in the student’s file and submitted to GS.

University regulations specify that no more than half of the credit hours towards the degree be taken from a single professor, exclusive of dissertation credit hours.

Course requirements, such as the requirements for graduate phonology or for the discourse/syntax, semantics/cognitive linguistics, or typology/field linguistics requirements, may be satisfied by courses taken as an M.A. student. This is also true for skills requirements (see below), namely the foreign language, non-Indo-European language, or statistics requirements, as well as the linguistic methodology requirement.

Language courses must be available for graduate credit in order to count towards the M.A. or Ph.D. graduate credit hour requirement. Many language courses with 2110, 2120, 301 etc. course numbers do not count toward the graduate credit hour requirement.

Under current state legislation, domestic nonresident students may take courses at the resident tuition rate if the total number of credit hours is six or less. After domestic nonresident students establish residency, normally after a year of residence in New Mexico, they will qualify for the resident tuition rate for all courses they take.

Academic Probation. The university defines three types of academic probation. A student whose cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 will be placed on Type 1 probation. A student who earns any combination of two grades of NC, F, WF, INC and/or IF is placed on Type 2 probation. A student who receives 6 or more credit hours of incomplete grades will be placed on Type 3 probation.

Students on any type of probation are not eligible to hold assistantships, nor are they allowed to take doctoral comprehensive examinations, defend dissertations, or graduate. Students on Type 2 probation may have these restrictions waived if they maintain a GPA of 3.5 for two consecutive semesters. Students on Type 3 probation may provisionally hold assistantships for one semester if their semester GPA is at least 3.0. Students on Type 1 probation will be suspended if their cumulative GPA does not reach 3.0 after 12 additional credit hours of graduate work or four semesters in probationary status, whichever comes first. Students on Type 2 probation will be suspended if a third NC, F, WF, INC or IF grade is earned. Further details of university policies on academic probation can be found in the UNM [Catalog](#).

RESEARCH SKILLS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the preceding coursework requirements, all doctoral candidates must fulfill the following research skills requirements:

1. Proficiency in a language other than your native language. This requirement may be satisfied by four semesters of college coursework with a grade of B or better. A student who is a speaker of a language other than English may use their native language to satisfy this requirement. For alternative ways of satisfying this requirement, consult the Director of Graduate Studies.
2. Knowledge of the structure of a non-Indo-European language. This requirement may be met by Ling 513 *Field Methods*, Ling 511 *Language Documentation*, or by an appropriate research paper. A student who is a native speaker of a non-Indo-European language must submit a research paper on the structure of their native language in order to use that language to satisfy the requirement.
3. Coursework in statistics up to and including Analysis of Variance or the equivalent. This can be fulfilled by taking Ling 510 *Statistical Methods in Linguistics* or Ling 569L *Experimental Psycholinguistics*. (You may still use Ling 569L *Experimental Psycholinguistics* to satisfy the seminar requirement or research methods requirement even if you also use it to satisfy the statistics requirement.) Other courses that seem appropriate for satisfying this requirement are Stat 527 *Advanced Data Analysis I* and Stat 528 *Advanced Data Analysis II*, Psyc 501 *Advanced Statistics*, and Soci 381L *Sociological Data Analysis*. (Ed Psy 502 *Survey of Statistics in Education* does NOT satisfy this requirement.) Note that some of these may require background in the appropriate discipline. Also, you do not receive graduate credit for courses numbered below 500.

A separate “Certification of Language or Research Skill Requirement” form for each of these requirements must be processed along with the Application for Candidacy (see below). The form can be found at <https://grad.unm.edu/resources/graduate-students/gs-forms/documents/language-skills.pdf>. The forms must be signed by the Department Chair or the Director of Graduate Studies, when possible obtain the signature from DGS rather than the Department Chair. Once signed, email them to the Academic Coordinator and copy your Committee chair. The Academic Coordinator will submit them to Graduate Studies.

PH.D. ADVISEMENT

Upon admission to the department, you will be assigned an initial mentor in your area of interest. This assignment may be but does not have to be temporary. You should also consult closely with the Director of Graduate Studies as you begin your studies. As you become more familiar with the program and the faculty, you should feel free to work with other faculty as seems appropriate. This will include forming your doctoral Committee on Studies.

COMMITTEE ON STUDIES

Advisement on your coursework choices, and approval of transfer credits, is overseen by your Committee on Studies. This same committee is responsible for working with you as you prepare your qualifying paper and dissertation prospectus. The specifics of this process are detailed in the section below, “Ph.D. Qualifying Paper and Dissertation Prospectus.” This section details the requirements for the members of the committee.

Each Ph.D. student must establish a Committee on Studies composed of at least three UNM faculty members approved for graduate instruction. The chair must be a regular faculty member in the Department of Linguistics. The members of the committee must have expertise in the areas of specialization selected for the requirements for advancement to candidacy, namely the qualifying paper and the dissertation prospectus.

The basic role of the committee is to plan, with the student, an integrated individual program of study and research that meets general UNM requirements and the specific requirements of the Ph.D. program in Linguistics. The committee must approve the program and oversee its execution. The committee is also charged with establishing prerequisites when needed, recommending transfer of credit, certifying satisfaction of the research skills requirements, approving significant changes in the program of studies, and overseeing fulfillment of the requirements for advancement to candidacy.

Appointment of the Committee on Studies usually involves the following steps: (1) You arrange for an appropriate faculty member to serve as committee chair. (2) You and the committee chair agree upon the remaining members of the committee. (3) The committee must be approved by the department’s Director of Graduate Studies. (4) The committee must be approved by GS (as part of the approval of the Application for Candidacy).

The Committee on Studies corresponds to the University’s doctoral comprehensive examination committee. You may see Graduate Studies or other departments refer to the “comprehensive exam” for the doctoral degree. In the Linguistics department, we no longer hold comprehensive exams for doctoral candidates, instead students must submit a qualifying paper and present a dissertation prospectus. This committee consists of a minimum of three members approved for committee service. Two members must be in Category 1 or 3; the chair of the committee must be in Category 1, or 3 if within the student’s major; one member must be from Category 1; and no more than one voting member can be in Category 4. The categories of committee members are listed below (see the UNM [Catalog](#) , “Faculty Approval for Committee Service”):

Category One: UNM tenured or tenure-track faculty or UNM-National Laboratory Professors. Role: chair or a member of any master’s or doctoral committee in any discipline, regardless of the Faculty member’s FTE status.

Category Two: Tenured or tenure-track faculty at other institutions. Role: external member on dissertation committee.

Category Three: Individuals whose primary employer is UNM and who hold the titles of research professor, research associate professor, research assistant professor; clinician educators

with the rank of professor, associate professor assistant professor or faculty hired onto the flex track or “V” category in the School of Medicine. Role: co-chair or member of master’s or dissertation committee; may only chair committees if his/her appointment is within the student’s major.

Category Four: Others who are considered experts in the field. Role: voting member of the committee.

Category Five: Emeriti/Emerita faculty may continue to chair existing committees for up to one calendar year from the date of their retirement if the graduate unit approves. They may not be appointed chair of any new committees once retired. Role: Chair, co-chair, or voting member of the committee.

Category Six: After the first year of retirement, Emeriti/Emerita faculty may continue to serve on committees if the graduate unit approves. Role: Co-Chair or voting member of the committee.

If you want someone to serve on your committee who is not currently approved (i.e. faculty at other institutions), the department must obtain approval from GS. Once you have agreement from an outside member to serve on your committee, you should obtain an electronic version of that person’s CV and ask your advisor to request approval for them to serve as a committee member. (Your advisor should do this by submitting a request at gradforms.unm.edu.) Please check ahead of time with your advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies that your intended committee will be acceptable.

For many students, the qualifying paper and the dissertation prospectus will be on closely related topics, and the same faculty member may guide your work on both and serve as chair of your Committee on Studies. For other students, you may choose to do a qualifying paper on a different topic than your planned dissertation. In this case, the faculty member advising your dissertation would typically be selected to serve as the chair of the Committee on Studies. In consultation with the chair, you would select a second committee member to supervise the preparation of the qualifying paper, and a third committee member to assist with both the qualifying paper and the dissertation prospectus. All members of the Committee on Studies will evaluate your qualifying paper and your dissertation prospectus. If needed, the doctoral Committee on Studies may have more than three members; this is more likely to be the case if the area of specialization of the student’s qualifying paper differs from the area of specialization of the student’s dissertation prospectus.

The doctoral Committee on Studies is automatically disbanded once the qualifying paper and dissertation prospectus requirements are passed. Then you must establish a dissertation committee (see section titled **Dissertation Committee**) that will provide you guidance through the final stages of progress toward the Ph.D. It is, of course, possible to appoint former members of the Committee on Studies to the new dissertation committee.

PH.D. QUALIFYING PAPER AND DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS

Upon completion (or during the last semester) of your required coursework and prior to embarking on the dissertation, you must satisfy the departmental requirements for advancement to candidacy. These are: to complete one qualifying paper and submit it to a refereed journal once it is approved by your Committee on Studies; and to prepare and present a dissertation prospectus.

The qualifying paper may be on any topic in linguistics where you have developed and written a research project that your Committee on Studies deems suitable for submission to a reputable refereed journal. The purpose of the qualifying paper requirement is both for you to

demonstrate your ability to carry out a professional quality research project, and for you to obtain a publication in a refereed journal before you finish your dissertation studies. You can meet the QP requirement with a paper co-authored with other students or a faculty member, but you must be the lead author. Publication is not a requirement for degree progress; it is only required that you submit your qualifying paper to a refereed journal in order to advance to candidacy. Your Committee on Studies will recommend suitable refereed journals for your submission: journals are highly varied in their areas of specialization and academic reputation, and with the advent of the internet, there are also many “predatory” or “fake” journals that you should avoid (see for example <https://beallslist.net/>; as the website says, you must always check for yourself). A submission that receives a “desk rejection” (rejection by the editor where the paper is not sent out for review) is not acceptable for Advancement to Candidacy. Should this happen to you, you should submit the paper to another journal, after making appropriate revisions. It is recommended that the Committee on Studies allow at least two weeks after the student submits their paper before approving the Advancement to Candidacy, in order to ensure that the paper is not immediately rejected.

For many students, your qualifying paper will emerge out of a research project and term paper for a class you have taken as part of the Ph.D. requirements. However, it may take additional time to revise the term paper to make it into a suitable submission to a refereed journal. Also, you may have requirements to maintain a minimum number of credit hours, e.g. for a teaching assistantship or for visa requirements, while you are working on your qualifying paper and before you advance to candidacy. If this is necessary, you may register for Ling 697 (Qualifying Paper). Ling 697 is normally taken for 3 credit hours but may be taken for up to 9 credit hours in a semester if required. Ling 697 is graded on a pass/no credit basis and may be taken only twice. Ling 697 is normally taken with the chair of your Committee on Studies. The option to register in 697 is provided as a convenience; it is not a requirement to advance to candidacy. Note that credits for Ling 697 do not count towards the required number of credit hours of coursework (48) or dissertation (18).

The second requirement for advancement to candidacy is the preparation and oral presentation of a dissertation prospectus. The dissertation prospectus should be written in consultation with your Committee on Studies, in particular the chair of your Committee on Studies. The dissertation prospectus should lay out the basic idea of your dissertation research and place the research in its intellectual context in the field. It should provide a concise summary of the intended scope of the dissertation topic (including a set of hypotheses or research questions to be investigated) and its scholarly significance (established with appropriate reference to the literature). The proposal must also make explicit the theoretical framework of the dissertation as well as the methodological procedures to be employed in data collection and analysis. The dissertation prospectus is not intended to be large-scale pilot study; it should be no more than 15-20 pages long.

Once your Committee on Studies has approved the dissertation prospectus, you should schedule a Departmental colloquium to present the prospectus and discuss it with the Committee on Studies and other members of the audience. Before scheduling the prospectus presentation, your qualifying paper should have been submitted to an appropriate journal, and all members of the Committee on Studies should have approved your prospectus (with the possibility of minor revisions).

Dates and Deadlines. Assuming that you submit your dissertation prospectus after you submit your qualifying paper, the date of the oral presentation of your dissertation prospectus will serve as the date for the University’s doctoral examinations. You must set the dates of the oral

presentation of your dissertation prospectus in consultation with your Committee on Studies. An [“Announcement of Examination”](#) form must be processed at least two weeks prior to the date of the oral presentation of your dissertation prospectus. To reserve a room on campus, write to the Academic Coordinator with this request and the approximate number of attendees. It is recommended to allow 1 week for room reservations to be processed. In addition, two weeks before your presentation, send the Academic Coordinator the title and abstract of the dissertation and the names of the committee members as well as a zoom link if applicable.

The committee reports the results of the oral presentation of the dissertation prospectus on the “Report of Examination” electronic form.

Subsequent to the oral presentation, final approval of the prospectus by your Committee on Studies is required.

ADVANCEMENT TO DOCTORAL CANDIDACY

You must apply for and be admitted to doctoral candidacy with the “Application for Candidacy for the Doctoral or MFA Degree” form. The semester before you plan to advance to candidacy, you should meet with your Committee on Studies to discuss your proposed program of studies and how you will satisfy the research skills requirements. Once you have passed the requirements for advancement to candidacy and completed the research skills requirements, you should then submit the official [“Application for Candidacy for the Doctoral or MFA Degree” form](#) and the [“Report of Examination”](#) (see below) completed by your Committee on studies (both submitted through GradForms). Along with these electronic forms, you must send your completed [“Certification of Language or Research Skill Requirement” forms \(3 forms, 1 for each requirement\) via email to Academic Coordinator who will then send them to the Manuscript Coordinator](#). After determining that all requirements except for coursework in progress and the dissertation have been fulfilled, the Dean of Graduate Studies will advance the student to candidacy.

Transfer of Credit. The following regulations apply to the transfer of credits toward the doctoral degree: (1) A maximum of 30 semester hours previously applied to a master’s degree from UNM (2) A maximum of 24 semester hours from an MA at another institution or transfer credits from a PhD program at another (3) Quarter hours are converted to .67 semester hours each.

Such credits may be transferred toward the doctoral degree provided that (1) grades of B or better were earned, (2) you have already completed at least 12 hours of graduate work in the doctoral program, (3) the credits are approved by your committee on studies and listed on the Application for Candidacy, and (4) the transfer is approved by GS.

Time Limit for Completion of Degree Requirements. From the date that you pass your “comprehensive exams” (submit your Qualifying Paper and present your Dissertation Prospectus), you have **five calendar years** to complete all degree requirements. *Students who were enrolled in Spring 2020 do not have that semester counted against the time to degree limit.*

Leave of Absence. If extenuating circumstances require that a student must interrupt his or her studies for one or more semesters, he or she must request in advance from the home graduate unit and Graduate Studies a formal leave of absence. Leaves of absence may be granted to students in good standing in cases of illness, emergency, family exigency, and employment or professional opportunities. Leaves of absence are granted on a semester-by-semester basis and generally are limited to a maximum of one calendar year. With a formal leave of absence

approved in advance, the time a student is on leave does not count against the time to degree limit.

For students on financial aid requesting a leave of absence, please submit the Scholarship Petition form which you can find at <http://finaid.unm.edu/forms/>.

THE DISSERTATION

Each candidate for the Ph.D. must prepare a dissertation that demonstrates ability to do independent research and competence in scholarly exposition. It should present the results of an original investigation of a significant problem and should provide the basis for a publishable contribution to the research literature in linguistics. Students can opt for a non-traditional (hybrid) dissertation, a collection of related articles prepared/submitted for publication or already published. Each dissertation must include “introduction” and “conclusion” sections. Students must adhere to copyright policies for obtaining permission to use a previously published manuscript. The responsibility of the dissertation committee (especially the director) includes the evaluation of the substance and methodology of the dissertation, as well as an assessment of the candidate’s competence in scholarly exposition.

Dissertation Committee. The dissertation committee is charged with the supervision of your dissertation activities. You initiate the process of selecting the dissertation committee by first arranging for a qualified faculty member to serve as the director of the dissertation and the committee Chair, including the external member of the committee (see below). The normal expectation is that the chair of your Committee on Studies will serve as the director of your dissertation committee, since that person supervised your dissertation prospectus. You and your faculty director jointly select the remainder of the committee. The committee should be established shortly after advancement to candidacy, which includes approval of your dissertation prospectus, and before the student begins enrollment in Ling 699.

The composition of the dissertation committee must satisfy the GS requirements as follows (see the section on Committee on Studies for the definitions of the categories of committee members; see also UNM [Catalog](#)):

- Chair must have approval as a Category 1, 5, or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student’s major
- The second member must have approval as Category 1 or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student’s major
- The third member (external/outside) must have approval as Category 2 if selected from the faculty of an institution other than UNM, or Category 1 if a UNM faculty member outside the student’s discipline
- The fourth member can have approval as Category 1-6
- Co-Chair (optional) must have approval as a Category 1-6 as long as the other co-chair is a Category 1 or 3 if his/her appointment is within the student’s major

In addition to the GS requirements, the Linguistics department also requires that two members of the committee must be tenured, tenure-track or emeritus faculty of the Linguistics department.

Students who select an external member from another institution are responsible for any transportation or other costs that may be associated with that person’s participation on the

committee. Graduate Studies must approve external committee members for service on UNM committees. Please, at least a month before submitting the Announcement of Exam form, check with your advisor and the Director of Graduate Studies that your intended committee member that is external to UNM will be acceptable. You need to obtain an electronic version of their CV. Your advisor will then submit that along with the electronic form “Request for Non-UNM committee service” to get approval for that person to serve on your committee. (Access to this form is at gradforms.unm.edu.)

GS requires that all members of a student’s committee must be present at the dissertation defense. Although physical presence is strongly encouraged for all members, synchronous participation by telephone/video conference is allowed when necessary.

One peculiarity to be aware of: official notification of the composition of the dissertation committee does not occur until the Announcement of Examination is filed for the dissertation defense. But this is very late in the dissertation process, and a problem with the composition of the committee could cause a significant delay. It is essential that you consult the chair of your committee, and if necessary, the department’s Director of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Studies office, to ensure that your committee meets the requirements listed above.

Dissertation Hours. During the course of your dissertation work, you are required to enroll for a minimum of 18 hours of Dissertation (Ling 699) credit. Enrollment in Ling 699 may begin during the semester in which you plan to present your dissertation prospectus. However, only those hours gained in the semester during which the prospectus is presented can be counted toward the 18 hours required.

Enrollment for Dissertation (Ling 699) may be for 3, 6, 9, or 12 hours per semester. The specific number of hours taken should reflect the amount of time you devote to the dissertation. Minimum enrollment in Ling 699 for one semester is 3 hours; this number is appropriate when you are working full-time off campus while continuing to make progress with the dissertation. Six hours of Ling 699 represents a half-time commitment. Overseas students are required to register for at least six hours of Ling 699 in order to maintain full-time student status.

All graduate students enrolled in dissertation hours (699) must maintain **continuous enrollment**, excluding summer semesters, from the first semester of registering in these hours through the semester of graduation. Students who miss one or more semesters must obtain approval for a formal leave of absence; if students miss one or more semesters without an approved leave of absence, they must file for readmission as described below. Without a formal leave of absence approved in advance, the time a student is not enrolled counts against the time to degree limit.

You and your dissertation supervisor should agree on a tentative schedule of progress for each semester. Ideally, progress should consist of something written by you and submitted to the supervisor: for example, a progress report, literature review, data analyses, or a draft chapter or chapters.

You should ensure that all your committee members are kept apprised of your progress **throughout** the process of writing the dissertation. Individual committees will differ as to how they wish to proceed, but in many cases, once the committee chair has approved a draft of a chapter, it is appropriate to send it on to the rest of the committee. While all committee members will not necessarily wish to give in-depth comments on individual chapters, this will enable them to see how the dissertation is progressing and the general direction that the student is taking. Giving committee members plenty of opportunity to follow the progress of the dissertation means that the student is less likely to be surprised by their comments on the entire manuscript, once a complete draft is available.

On the basis of the schedule of progress agreed by you and your supervisor, the supervisor decides whether to give you a Progress or No Credit (NC) grade. If the dissertation chair deems that you have made insufficient progress during a semester, the chair may assign a grade of NC. In this case, you will receive no credit for dissertation hours during that semester. Two grades of NC will result in your being placed on academic probation, and three grades result in suspension from the university (see the UNM Catalog, The Graduate Program, Academic Probation and Consequences). Reinstatement is possible after suspension.

The department expects that you will have completed a draft of at least two complete chapters of your dissertation within **eight semesters** after completing your qualifying paper. One of the two chapters should be a chapter of at least 20 pages of substantive analysis and discussion.

The University imposes a limit of five years from the date you pass your comprehensive exams (submit your QP and successfully present your Dissertation Prospectus) to the filing of the final dissertation after approval by your dissertation committee. *Note that students who Advanced to Candidacy before Spring 2020 and were actively enrolled the Spring 2020 semester do not have the semester included in their five-year time limit.* Any request for an extension beyond this limit must be pre-approved by the dissertation supervisor and then by the department chair before being sent to GS. To submit this request, complete the petition form found [here](#) along with a brief statement explaining why you are requesting the extension and your progress/plans for completion. In addition to these, contact the Chair or Academic Coordinator to generate a memo from the department to support your request. If the request for extension is not approved by GS, then you will have to do the following:

- You will have to “redo” your doctoral comprehensive examination. That is, you will designate a doctoral examinations committee consisting of three members of your dissertation committee (normally, the members of the committee apart from the external committee member), chosen so as to satisfy the GS regulations for a comprehensive examinations committee. You must provide this committee with two chapters of the dissertation, at least one of which should be a chapter of at least 20 pages of substantive analysis and discussion, that are in essentially final form. Once the committee is satisfied with these two chapters, the student will be deemed to have passed the examination. GS requires that this step be completed **within two semesters** of the five-year time limit.
- You will then be required to enroll in a minimum of an additional 18 hours of dissertation credit before completing your dissertation. You will be entitled to an additional five years to complete your dissertation.

Final Examination (Dissertation Defense). The doctoral final oral examination is the last formal step before the degree is awarded and is conducted with due respect to its importance. It is scheduled as a department colloquium and is open to the UNM community.

Three to four months before the student expects to complete the dissertation, s/he should alert all committee members that a defense will need to be scheduled. Depending on the availability of the student and the committee, it may be advisable to select one or more potential dates several months in advance, **without any commitment that the defense can actually be held at that time.** The dissertation defense should not be scheduled during the last two weeks of a semester or during the summer session. If this proves impossible, the student should submit a memo to the Department Chair requesting an exception, and briefly explaining the rationale for the exception. The memo will be reviewed by the internal members of the dissertation committee and passed on to the Department Chair with a recommendation. If the Department Chair is a member of the

committee, and there is only one internal member apart from the Department Chair, then the Director of Graduate Studies will take her/his place. The memo and decision are confidential, protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (see <http://registrar.unm.edu/privacy-rights/ferpa.html>), and will be kept in the student's file.

The dissertation committee *must* be permitted the time to meet face-to-face at least once, but preferably more than once, before the student defends the dissertation. This means submitting a draft of the dissertation to each committee member early enough that they will have time to read, comment, meet to collaborate on revision comments, and then meet with you *before* the defense.

Once revisions have been completed to the committee's satisfaction, you are responsible for providing each member of the committee a complete final draft of the dissertation in ample time (at least six weeks) for review prior to the defense. If the student has provided drafts of chapters on an on-going basis, and revised those drafts in response to comments, so as to satisfy all members of the committee, then a shorter interval of time may be appropriate, if all members of the committee agree.

Once the entire committee has reviewed a complete draft, the student must allow time for making revisions in response to the committee's comments. The amount of time that this will require is unpredictable: if major re-analysis is necessary, it could be over a month, if the changes required are more editorial than conceptual, a shorter length of time will be necessary. **Students must assume that revisions will be required.** If the committee has read drafts on an on-going basis, then it is less likely that major changes will be required in the final stages.

The defense cannot be held until the entire dissertation committee has approved a draft of the complete dissertation. Minor editorial revisions may be required after the defense, but all substantive points must be resolved before the defense is scheduled. If it is critical that a student graduate in a specific semester, the defense date should be at least two weeks before the graduation deadline (November 15 or April 15), to allow time for any needed minor revisions.

At least three weeks before the defense is held, the "Announcement of Final Examination for Doctorate" form must be filed. It is recommended that room requests are made to the Academic Coordinator one week before submitting the Announcement of Examination form. Along with the Announcement of Examination form. Two weeks before the defense, the Academic Coordinator must be provided with the title and abstract of the dissertation and the names of the committee members as well as a zoom link if applicable. The "Announcement of Final Examination" form must be signed by the department chair, who will ask that the student demonstrate that all committee members have agreed to the date. (This can be accomplished by the student providing, for example, email responses from all the committee members.) If the announcement cannot be made within two weeks, the student should submit a memo to the Department Chair requesting an exception, and briefly explaining the rationale for the exception.

The focus of the final examination is the dissertation and its relationship to the field of linguistics. Its purposes are (1) to provide an opportunity for you to communicate your research results to a wider group of scholars, (2) to afford an opportunity for the members of the dissertation committee and others to ask questions, (3) to ensure that the research reflects your independence of thought and accomplishment rather than excessive dependence on the guidance of a faculty member, and (4) to ensure that you are thoroughly familiar not only with the particular focus of the dissertation, but also its setting and relevance to the discipline of linguistics.

At the conclusion of the examination, the dissertation committee members will confer to complete the "Report of Final Examination" on which they make one of the following recommendations, which must be agreed upon by at least three of the committee members: (1) that the dissertation be approved without change, (2) that the dissertation be approved subject

only to minor editorial corrections, (3) that the dissertation be rewritten or revised before approval, or (4) failure. If either the first or second recommendation is made, the committee may decide that no further meetings are needed. In the second instance the director of the dissertation will be responsible for seeing that all necessary corrections are made before the dissertation is submitted to GS. If the third recommendation is made, the full committee may elect to meet again to determine that the concerns have been addressed.

Final Form and Submission of Dissertation. Note that dissertations must now be submitted electronically. Procedures for this are described at:

<http://grad.unm.edu/degree-completion/thesis-dissertations/guidelines.html>

Please check this site carefully in case of changes as the procedure may evolve.

You are responsible for preparing a dissertation in proper format, and free of grammatical and typing errors. Detailed guidelines are available from the GS website. To verify the satisfactory quality of typing and format, to ensure acceptability of copies, and for any technical advice and guidance, you are urged to contact and to submit sample pages to the GS Manuscript Coordinator well in advance of the thesis submission deadlines. The Manuscript Coordinator holds a very useful workshop on thesis mechanics several times each year.

You must download from the GS Web site (<http://grad.unm.edu/degree-completion/thesis-dissertations/manuscript-templates.html>) a set of templates for the front matter of the dissertation, including an Approval page, a Title page, and an Abstract Title page.

The final form of the dissertation, with an abstract of not more than 350 words, approved by at least three members of the dissertation committee, must be submitted to GS by November 15 for Fall graduation, April 15 for Spring graduation, or July 15 for Summer graduation. The following forms must be submitted with the manuscript via email to the Manuscript Coordinator: (1) "Information Cover Sheet" (2) a "Certification of Final Form" signed by student and the Committee Chair, (3) an "ETD Release Form" and (4) a "Survey of Earned Doctorate", available from GS. In addition, all Committee members must complete a "Report on Examination" form through the GradForms portal.

All doctoral students must, as part of graduation requirements, submit their dissertation to the UNM Digital Repository and ProQuest within 90 days of passing the defense. Students who wish to limit access to their dissertation may submit an ETD Embargo Restriction Request form, found at <http://grad.unm.edu/resources/graduate-students/gs-forms/etd-embargo.html>.

"Courtesy Policy." Students must be enrolled and complete a minimum of three credit hours of dissertation in the term s/he completes degree requirements. Should the student miss the graduation deadline (July 15 for summer graduation, November 15 for fall graduation, April 15 for spring graduation), but completes all degree requirements on or before the last day of that term, the student is not required to register for the next (graduation) term. They will officially graduate at the end of the next term. Please notify the Academic Coordinator if you plan to use courtesy policy so they can notify GS.

GRADUATION

You must notify the Department Academic Coordinator early in the semester *before* the semester in which you plan to graduate. Each semester, the Academic Coordinator must submit to GS a list of all students intending to graduate at the end of the following semester. GS permits the removal of names from this list if a student delays graduation, but does not permit late additions to this list; therefore, it is essential that you inform the Academic Coordinator and the

Director of Graduate Studies as soon as you have an intended graduation date, even if you are not absolutely certain that you will be ready to graduate at that time.

Graduation is dependent upon completion of all degree requirements by November 15 for Fall, April 15 for Spring, or July 15 for Summer. If you do not complete all requirements by these deadlines, please notify the Linguistics Academic Coordinator as soon as possible so that the appropriate changes can be made to the department's graduation list at GS.

Participation in Graduation Events. The university holds formal graduation ceremonies in December and May. At these events, Ph.D. recipients may be “hooded” by their faculty advisors. If you wish to participate in this ceremony, please notify your advisor (or other faculty member who you would like to hood you) before October 15 for the December graduation, or March 15 for the May graduation. This is to ensure that they have the opportunity to order academic regalia; the deadlines for ordering are in mid-to-late October and March.

Ph.D. students who have not yet completed their degree requirements, but are within one term of graduating, may request permission to participate in the university graduation. If you wish to make this request, it should be clear that you will have defended and filed your dissertation before the next deadline (July 15 or April 15). To request permission, complete the “Request to Participate in University Commencement Ceremony” form available here <http://grad.unm.edu/resources/graduate-students/gs-forms/index.html> under “Graduation. Get the form signed by your dissertation committee chair, then submit to Graduate Studies before November 15 for December graduation, or April 15 for May graduation. Your chair will consult with other members of the dissertation committee to determine if you are close enough to completion that it is appropriate for you to participate in the ceremony.

Every May, the Linguistics Department holds a more informal graduation ceremony, referred to as “Convocation”, to honor graduates in Linguistics, Signed Language Interpreting, and the Navajo Language Program. Students who have completed all degree requirements during the preceding year are automatically sent an invitation to this ceremony.

For Ph.D. students who have not yet completed their dissertation but expect to complete all requirements by July 15, you may submit a request to participate in the department convocation to your committee chair. This request should be submitted before May 1. After consultation with the other members of the committee, the chair will determine if your participation is appropriate. The May 1 deadline allows the department time to adjust plans accordingly, including adding your name to the program.

M.A. “EN ROUTE”

If for any reason you decide that you must leave the doctoral program, and you have already fulfilled all of the requirements for a Master's degree, you may petition GS to be given an M.A. “En Route”. **You should only apply for an M.A. “En Route” if you are absolutely certain that you will leave the doctoral program.** The M.A. “En Route”, despite its name, is designed for students who have decided to leave their doctoral program. If you are awarded an M.A. “En Route”, then all of the doctoral work you have done so far will be applied to your Master's degree. If you then decide to continue in the doctoral program after all, you would have to start your doctoral program all over again from the beginning. That is, you would have to take at least 18 credit hours of coursework, retake your Ph.D. comprehensive examinations, and take at least 18 hours of dissertation credits before you would be able to graduate with a Ph.D.

Name: _____ Date: _____

PH.D. CHECKLIST UP TO CANDIDACY

1. Coursework. Complete a minimum of 48 hours of graduate credit coursework. You may include up to 30 hours of appropriate courses from the M.A., but at least 18 hours must be coursework beyond the M.A. At least 24 hours must be completed at UNM. At least 18 hours must be at the 500 or 600 level. You must have at least three seminars. You must also have a methodology seminar appropriate to your focus area.

REQUIRED COURSES	<u>Class</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Smstr</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Phonology - Take at least one phonology/phonetics course selected from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LING 502 - Current Approaches to Phonology (3) LING 503 - Usage-based Phonology (3) 					
Discourse/Syntax: Complete at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LING 529 - Discourse Analysis (3) LING 535 - Language Contact (3) 					
Semantics/Cognitive Linguistics: Complete at least 1 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LING 519 - Cognitive Linguistics (3) LING 525 - Semantic Analysis (3) LING 562 - Childhood Bilingualism (3) LING 568 - Seminar in Psycholinguistics (3) 					
Typology/Field Linguistics: Complete at least 1 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LING 513 - Linguistics Field Methods (3) LING 517 - Typology and Universals (3) LING 548 - Grammaticization (3) 					
Sociolinguistics: Complete at least 1 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LING 533 - Sociolinguistic Variation (3) LING 534 - Language and Gender (3) 					

NOTE: A seminar on a relevant topic may be substituted for courses above with department approval. Enter proposed seminar courses in slots above.					
	<u>Class</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Smstr</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
<p>Methodology Course: Complete at least one course appropriate to the field of specialization, e.g.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LING 510 - Statistical Methods in Linguistics (3) • LING 513 - Field Methods (3) • LING 569L Experimental Psycholinguistics (3) <p>Sociophonetics (taught under varying course numbers) also satisfies the methodology requirement, as do some seminars taught under the 554 or 590 number (e.g., Experimental Phonetics). The course used for the methodology requirement can also be used for any of the other requirements, if appropriate.</p>					
<p>Seminars: Complete at least three advanced seminars (9 credits). Advanced linguistics courses not specifically designated as “seminars” can be used to satisfy this requirement; core courses in the Master’s program cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Seminar courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LING 554 - Seminar in Linguistic Theory (3) • LING 562 - Childhood Bilingualism (3) • LING 568 - Seminar in Psycholinguistics (3) • LING 590 - Topics in Linguistics (3) <p>Advanced linguistics courses that can be used to satisfy this requirement (if they have not been used to satisfy requirements 1 - 6) include: Ling 510, Ling 511, Ling 513, Ling 515, Ling 517, Ling 519, Ling 548, Ling 560 and Ling 569.</p>	1.				
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	<u>Class</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Smstr</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Instructor</u>

Additional Coursework: Complete at least 21 credits of additional coursework: Additional coursework to meet the minimum of 48 credit hours of graduate coursework. This may include up to 30 credit hours of appropriate courses from the M.A. but at least 18 credit hours must be work beyond the M.A. At least 24 credit hours must be completed at UNM and at least 18 credit hours must be at the 500- or 600-level.					
Ling 699: Complete at least 18 credits of: LING 699 - Dissertation (3 - 12)					

2. Research Skills Requirements. (a) You need to show competency in a language other than your native language – the minimal acceptable level is a grade of B in a fourth semester of a college-level course, or its equivalent. (b) You must show knowledge of the structure of a non-Indo-European language (you may do this with a research paper or by taking Ling. 513 *Ling. Field Methods* or Ling 511 *Language Documentation*). (c) You must have completed coursework in statistics up to and including ANOVA or the equivalent.

A separate “Certification of Language or Research Skill Requirement” form for each of these three requirements must be submitted along with the Application for Candidacy.

a) Foreign Language

b) Non-IE Language

c) Statistics

3. Form Committee on Studies

Chair:

- No later than your last semester of coursework: with Committee on Studies, plan qualifying paper. Enroll in Ling 697 as necessary to complete paper, but for no more than two semesters.
- Obtain approval of qualifying paper from Committee on Studies and submit it to a refereed journal.
- Prepare dissertation prospectus.

7. Schedule oral presentation of prospectus and file “Announcement of Examination” form at least two weeks prior to presentation.
8. Make oral presentation of prospectus to department. Committee on Studies members then submit a “Report of Examination” form.
9. Submit “Application for Candidacy” form along with Research Skills and Requirement forms for each of 3 requirements.
10. Form Dissertation Committee no later than the first semester of Ling. 699 enrollment.

Chair: _____

Outside Member: _____

STEPS TOWARDS GRADUATION FOR PH.D. STUDENTS

Italics = suggested dates.

Regular print indicates events for which there are university deadlines, although the precise dates may vary from year to year

action	deadline for Dec graduation	deadline for May graduation	deadline for July graduation
file your Application for Candidacy and complete “Certification of Language or Research Skills Requirement” forms (should be done right after you present your dissertation proposal)	late July	Dec 1	late April
ask Lacey to add you to the graduation list for the following semester	late July	Dec 1	late April
diss chair should have most or all chapters in near-final form	<i>Sep 1</i>	<i>Feb 1</i>	<i>May 1</i>
give complete, polished draft to committee to read	<i>Oct 1</i>	<i>March 1</i>	<i>June 1</i>
if you wish to participate in university commencement ceremony, notify the faculty member who you wish to be your hooder (normally your chair) so they can order academic regalia by the deadline.	mid-late Oct	mid-late March	mid-late Oct (for December)
ask Lacey to request a room for your defense one week before submitting Announcement of Examination form	<i>Oct 8</i>	<i>March 8</i>	<i>June 8</i>
submit Announcement of Examination form (online) a minimum of two weeks before defense date	<i>Oct 15</i>	<i>March 15</i>	<i>June 15</i>
send Lacey the title, abstract, names and affiliations of committee members a minimum of two weeks before defense date	<i>Oct 15</i>	<i>March 15</i>	<i>June 15</i>
defend dissertation	<i>Nov 1</i>	<i>April 1</i>	<i>July 1</i>
complete revisions and format dissertation			
file dissertation and related forms	Nov 15	April 15	July 15
if you wish to participate in Linguistics convocation, RSVP to invitation sent out by department in April	mid-April	mid-April	mid-April
if you wish to participate in university commencement ceremony, but you have not completed all degree requirements by deadline, submit “Request to participate in university commencement ceremony” form	Nov 15	April 15	Nov 15 (for December)

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS COURSE OFFERINGS

Basic Linguistics Courses

Ling 2110	Introduction to the Study of Language.
Ling 2996*	Special Topics in Current Language Issues.
Ling 301	Introduction to Linguistic Analysis.
Ling 302	Phonetic Analysis. Prerequisite: 301.
Ling 303	Introduction to Phonetics.
Ling 304/504	Phonological Analysis. Prerequisite: 301 and (302 or 303 or SHS 303).
Ling 322/522	Grammatical Analysis. Prerequisite: 301 or Sign 305 or Span 351.
Ling 331/531	Language in Society. Prerequisite: An introductory linguistics course.
Ling 334/534	Language and Gender.
Ling 359/559	Language and Culture. Prerequisite: An introductory linguistics course.
Ling 367/567	Psychology of Language. Prerequisite: 2110 or 301 or Psych 265.
Ling 440/540	Introduction to Linguistics.

Advanced Linguistics Courses

Ling 401-402*	Topic: American Indian Languages I-II.
Ling 411/511	Language Documentation
Ling 412/512	Morphosyntax. Prerequisite: 322/522.
Ling 413/513	Linguistics Field Methods. Prerequisite: 304/504 and 322/522.
Ling 415/515	Native American Languages. 322
Ling 417/517	Typology and Universals. Prerequisite: 322/522.
Ling 425/525	Semantic Analysis. Prerequisite: 301 or Sign 305 or Span 351.
Ling 429/529	Discourse Analysis. Prerequisite: 322/522.
Ling 433/533	Sociolinguistic Variation. Prerequisite: 301 and (302 or 303 or SPAN350) and 331/531.
Ling 435/535	Language Contact. Prerequisite: 322/522 or Span 351
Ling 446/546	Introduction to Language Change. Prerequisite: 304/504.
Ling 449	Middle English Language.
Ling 460/560	Child Language. Prerequisite: 367/567 or Psych 324 or Psych 360
Ling 469L/569L	Experimental Psycholinguistics. Prerequisite: 367/567 or Psych 367.
Ling 462/562	Childhood Bilingualism. Prerequisite or Corequisite: 301 or 303 or Span 351
Ling 490/590*	Topics in Linguistics.
Ling 502	Current Approaches to Phonology. Prerequisite: 304/504 or Span 545.
Ling 503	Usage-Based Phonology. Prerequisite: 304/504 or Span 545.
Ling 510	Statistical Methods in Linguistics
Ling 519	Cognitive Linguistics. Prerequisite: 322/522 or Span 351.
Ling 548	Grammaticization. Prerequisite: 412/512.
Ling 554*	Seminar in Linguistic Theory.
Ling 565	Seminar in Thought and Language.
Ling 568*	Seminar in Psycholinguistics. Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
Ling 595	Graduate Problems. Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
Ling 599	Master's Thesis.
Ling 697	Qualifying Paper.
Ling 699	Doctoral Dissertation.
Nvjo 311/511	Navajo Verb System I. Prerequisite: Nava 2120.
Nvjo 312/512	Navajo Verb System II. Prerequisite: Nvjo 311.
Nvjo 315/515	Advanced Navajo. Prerequisite: Nava 2120.
Nvjo 401/501	Navajo Linguistics. Prerequisite: Nava 2120.

- Sign 305 Signed Language Linguistics. Available for graduate credit. Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
- Sign 352 Language and Culture in the Deaf Community I. Available for graduate credit.
Prerequisite: permission of Signed Language Interpreting program coordinator.

*May be repeated for credit as content varies

Graduate students must register for 500-level numbers where available, including for courses being taken to satisfy prerequisites.

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS FACULTY

- Lorraine Begay Manavi* (M.A., Arizona State University, 2001): Navajo language and culture, Diné teacher education.
- Joshua Birchall* (Ph.D., Radboud University, 2014): linguistic typology, historical linguistics, language description and documentation, Amazonian languages.
- Melvatha Chee* (Ph.D., University of New Mexico, 2017): first language acquisition, Dene linguistics, morphophonology, polysynthesis, semantics, morphology, the application of cognitive linguistics to Navajo, and the intersection between language, culture and linguistics, and indigenous language sustainability.
- Holly Jacobson* (Ph.D., University of Arizona-Tucson, 2002): intercultural communication, discourse analysis, second language acquisition, applied linguistics in healthcare
- Christian Koops* (Ph.D., Rice University, 2010): sociophonetics, speech perception, language revitalization, Western Cherokee
- Amanda Luján* (M.S., University of North Florida, 2013): Interpreter Pedagogy, signed language interpreting
- Jill P. Morford* (Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1993): psycholinguistics, language acquisition, signed languages
- Dawn Myers* (M.S., University of New Mexico, 2003): American Sign Language, signed language interpreting
- Dawn Nordquist* (Ph.D., University of New Mexico, 2006): semantic prosody, collocations, narrative and scholarship of teaching and learning
- Sara Roybal* (B.A., University of New Mexico, 2005). American Sign Language, Deaf culture.
- Barbara Shaffer* (Ph.D., University of New Mexico, 2000) American Sign Language, semantics, modality, ASL acquisition, interpreting theory and practice
- Naomi Lapidus Shin* (Ph.D. The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, 2006): Hispanic Linguistics, bilingualism, child language development, sociolinguistics, language contact
- Paul Twitchell* (Ph.D., University of New Mexico, 2023): ASL-English bilingualism, second language learners
- Rosa Vallejos Yopán* (Ph.D., University of Oregon, 2010): Functional syntax, language contact, documentary fieldwork, indigenous Amazonian languages, Amazonian Spanish
- Erin Wilkinson* (Ph.D., University of New Mexico, 2009): bilingualism in signing populations, language change and variation in signed languages, and signed language typology.

EMERITI

- Melissa Axelrod* (Ph.D., University of Colorado-Boulder, 1990): Native American languages, morphology, semantics, sociolinguistics, Athabaskan languages
- William Croft* (Ph.D., Stanford University, 1986): typology and universals, semantics, cognitive linguistics, construction grammar, language change
- Garland Bills* (Ph.D., University of Texas-Austin, 1969): sociolinguistics, Southwest Spanish-English bilingualism, Spanish linguistics, Quechua
- Joan L. Bybee* (Ph.D., University of California-Los Angeles, 1973): morphology, phonology, typology and universals, grammaticalization, language change
- Eduardo Hernández Chávez* (Ph.D., University of California-Berkeley, 1977): bilingualism, language loss, language policy and planning, Chicano Spanish, phonology
- Caroline L. Smith* (Ph.D., Yale University, 1992): phonetics, laboratory phonology, prosody, French
- Phyllis Perrin Wilcox* (Ph.D., University of New Mexico, 1993): American Sign Language, semantics and metaphor, interpreting theory and practice
- Sherman E. Wilcox* (Ph.D., University of New Mexico, 1988): American Sign Language, computer lexicography, signed language linguistics, evolution of language

Mary Ann Willie (Ph.D., University of Arizona, 1991): Navajo language and linguistics

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Evan Ashworth (Ph.D., University of New Mexico): language revitalization, orthography development

Paul Edmunds (Ph.D., University of New Mexico): phonetics, English as a second language

Ian Maddieson (Ph.D., University of California-Los Angeles): phonetics, phonological typology

LINGUISTICS-RELATED FACULTY IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Pisarn Bee Chamcharatsri (English/LLSS, Education)

Jonathan Davis-Secord (English)

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Jessica Richardson (Speech & Hearing Sciences)

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Eva Rodríguez-González (Spanish & Portuguese)

Julia Scherba de Valenzuela (Education)

Joshua Shapero (Anthropology)

Christine Sims (LLSS, Education)

Emma Trentman (Foreign Languages)

Vincent Werito (LLSS, Education)

Damián Vergara Wilson (Spanish & Portuguese)