**Linguistics, Ph.D.**

### Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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**Notes:**

a. Beyond the MA degree course requirements, the PhD program in linguistics has few set requirements. Upon acceptance to the program, students work closely with their faculty advisor to determine and select appropriate graduate level coursework that best suits their goals.

b. Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

c. Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate coursework and sequence.

d. 18 s.h. must be in an approved specialty area; if relevant to research, students may complete coursework in an additional language. Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate elective coursework and sequence.

e. Prepare first Comprehensive Exam paper.

f. To pass the Comprehensive Exam for the PhD, a student must submit two papers of publishable quality and present each orally as part of the departmental colloquium. One must be in phonology or syntax. The other should be in an area of the student's choosing and must be distinct from the area of the first paper.

g. Prepare second Comprehensive Exam paper.

h. Begin preparing Dissertation Prospectus in consultation with Dissertation Committee.

i. In the semester following the Comprehensive Exam, but no later than the sixth semester of enrollment in the PhD program, the student presents a Dissertation Prospectus to the Dissertation Committee.

j. Set-up Dissertation Committee in consultation with faculty advisor.

k. Prepare Dissertation Prospectus defense.

l. Must be approved by Dissertation Committee.

m. Oral dissertation defense.