

CUNY Anthropology PhD Program

Timeline to degree for *Linguistic Anthropology*

The following is a *guide* to the Ph.D. in linguistic anthropology. It does not include considerations for individual differences based on a number of variables such as possible transfer credits, differential undergraduate backgrounds in anthropology and linguistics, variable preparation required for different field locations (different students may need more or less time for language training or area studies depending on their own backgrounds and fieldwork destinations), etc. It is offered as a guide to the items and elements that students need to be attentive to as they plot their own individualized route and timetable through the program in consultation with their advisors, the EO, and other faculty.

Year 1

- Foundational/broad course work: 18 credits recommended (with extra attention to courses in preparation for First Exam) (Core Course in Linguistic Anthropology, and courses offered in the program as well as other programs at the GC and at schools in consortium)
- Attend seminars and workshops in the area (There are a number of series such as GC Anthro Colloquia, New York Linguistic Anthropology Working Group workshops, GC Sociolinguistics Lunches, etc.)
- Attend professionalization workshop on undergraduate teaching (spring)
- Language study in field language (available at undergrad campuses; no credits)
- Complete Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training
- Prepare and study for First Exam (secure Committee approval on the bibliography by May)
- First Exam (following the completion of 18~24 credits) (written portion in August)

Year 2

- Continue course work: 18-24 credits (with attention to courses in preparation for research methods, area courses, subfield requirement)
- First Exam (oral portion during Fall)
- Attend seminars and workshops in the area
- Language study in field language (available at undergrad campuses---no credits)
- Choose an advisor by the beginning of third year
- Apply for transfer credits if applicable (following successful completion of First Exam)
- Apply for summer preliminary fieldwork funds (March deadline)
- Undergraduate teaching related experience
- Summer reconnaissance trip to potential field site(s)

Year 3

- Continue course work: 18-24 credits (including proposal writing seminar and anthropology research (preparing for Second Exam)) with a goal to finish course work
- Language study continued as needed (no credit)

- Compose Second Exam committee (EO approval required)
- Begin preparing for Second Exam (compose preliminary bibliographies for committee approval by the spring)
- Begin preparing proposals to funding agencies
- Attend seminars and workshops in the area
- Attend professionalization workshops (e.g. Composing CV, Conference Submission/ Presentation)
- Attend and submit proposals to present at professional conferences
- Language Exam
- Possible proposal submission for late spring deadlines (requires Second Exam committee approval)
- Undergraduate teaching related experience

Year 4

- Finish any remaining requirements
- Attend seminars and workshops in the area
- Second Exam preparation (with bibliographies with introductions and proposal hold pre-Second Exam meeting by the fall)
- Take Second Exam (by the spring)
- Hone research proposal for submission to funding agencies
- Submit proposals to funding agencies
- IRB/Human Subjects clearance
- Advance to Candidacy
- Attend professional conferences (possibly present papers)
- Prepare for fieldwork
- Undergraduate teaching related experience

Year 5

- Fieldwork (anticipate 12-15 months; defer/forfeit fellowship if applicable)
- Apply for Dissertation Year Fellowship in spring if needed (and external write up grants)

Year 6

- Return from fieldwork
- Review, organize and analyze data collected
- Attend seminars and workshops in the area
- Present papers at conferences and professional meetings
- Confirm dissertation committee
- Finalize an outline for the dissertation with Advisor's/Committee's approval
- Writing the dissertation
- Take dissertation writing seminar
- Apply for Dissertation Year Fellowships (and external write up grants)

Year 7

- Write up dissertation
- Attend seminars and workshops in the area
- Attend professionalization workshops on Job Search and Publication Submission
- Continue presentations at professional meetings
- Work on selected part(s) of the dissertation or presentation papers for publication as articles
- Continue in Dissertation Writing Workshop
- Dissertation draft meeting
- Defense
- Graduation