

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, the subfield coordinator, and other faculty.

Year 1

- Foundational/broad course work: 18 credits recommended (with extra attention to courses in preparation for First Exam – Social Theory sequence, History of Anthropology sequence, Core Course in Linguistic Anthropology, and an anthropology course)
- Attend the Program Colloquia and GLAMs (Graduate Center Linguistic Anthropology Meetings)
- Attend seminars and workshops at GC and in the area (e.g., GC Sociolinguistics Lunch seminars, New York Linguistic Anthropology Working Group meetings, GC Glottopolitical Studies meetings, GC Language, Culture, and Society Lab meetings, etc.)
- Attend orientation for First Exam, and 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
- First Exam (written portion in August, following the completion of 18~24 credits)

Year 2

- Continue course work: 18-24 credits [including Anth Research (Fall) and Methods (Spring), topic course(s) in Linguistic Anthropology, a course in area study if possible]
- Attend the Program Colloquia and GLAMs
- First Exam (oral portion during Fall after the written portion in August)
- Attend seminars and workshops at GC and 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 (Fall) and anthropology research, to prepare for Second Exam] to finish coursework
- Attend the Program Colloquia and GLAMs
- Language study continued as needed (no credit)

- Compose Second Exam committee (EO approval required)
- Prepare for Second Exam (compose preliminary bibliographies for committee approval by the spring, if possible hold pre-meeting with the committee before the end of the Year 3)
- Begin preparing proposals to funding agencies
- Attend seminars and workshops at GC and in the area
- Attend professionalization workshops
- 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 the Program Colloquia and GLAMs
- Prepare for Second Exam (with bibliographies with introductions and proposal): hold pre-Second Exam meeting (1.5h) by the fall
- Take Second Exam (ideally in Fall; pass by Spring)
- Hone research proposal for submission to funding agencies
- Submit proposals to funding agencies
- IRB/Human Subjects clearance
- Advance to Candidacy
- Attend seminars and workshops at GC and in the area
- Attend professionalization workshops (e.g. Composing CV, Conference Submission/Presentation)
- 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 the Program Colloquia and attend & present at GLAMs
- Attend seminars and workshops at GC and 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 the Program Colloquia and attend & present at GLAMs
- Attend seminars and workshops at GC and 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
- Confirm external reader (EO approval required)
- Dissertation draft meeting
- Dissertation defense
- Deposit dissertation
- Graduation

*Note exams and defense meetings with faculty should be scheduled during semesters (avoiding Summer and the first 2 weeks into semester).

