Orientation for
1ˢᵗ Year Students

# M.A. & Ph.D. Programs in Linguistics

August 2, 2016

Department of Linguistics,
Faculty of Humanities,
Srinakharinwirot University

At Orientation, students will…

- Meet SWU Linguistics faculty members
- Receive extensive academic advising and register for classes
- Learn about the academic environment and graduate research
- Discuss important academic issues for new students
- Learn about campus life from current graduate students
- Meet other new and current students as well as alumni
- Have any and all questions answered about coming to campus

Why is Linguistics Important?
Linguistics is a science!

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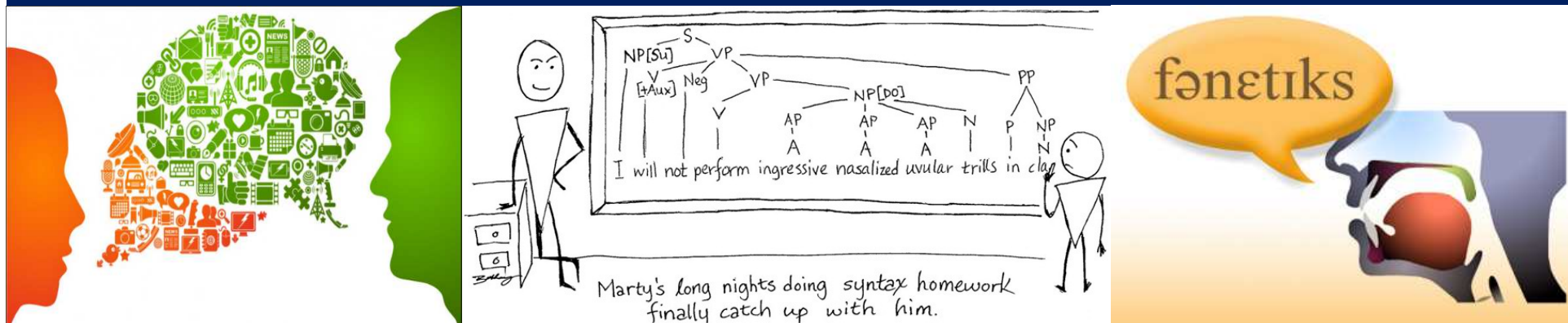
- **Where would we be without language?**

- **Most of what we do involve language, even when we are talking to ourselves. Linguists explore the nature of language and communication and its structure.**

- **It's exciting and gives you an edge in today's modern world.**

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Department Head

Chair of Ph.D. Program

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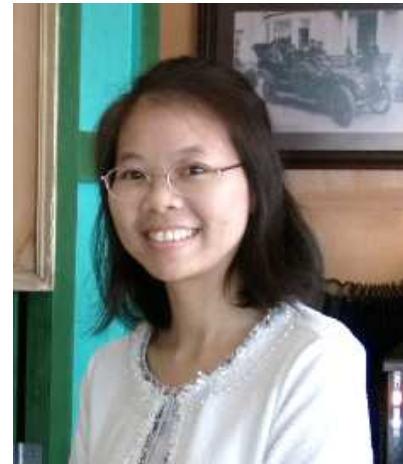Nuntana
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The Department of Linguistics Websites:
http://linguistics.hu.swu.ac.th
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M.A./Ph.D. Programs in Linguistics

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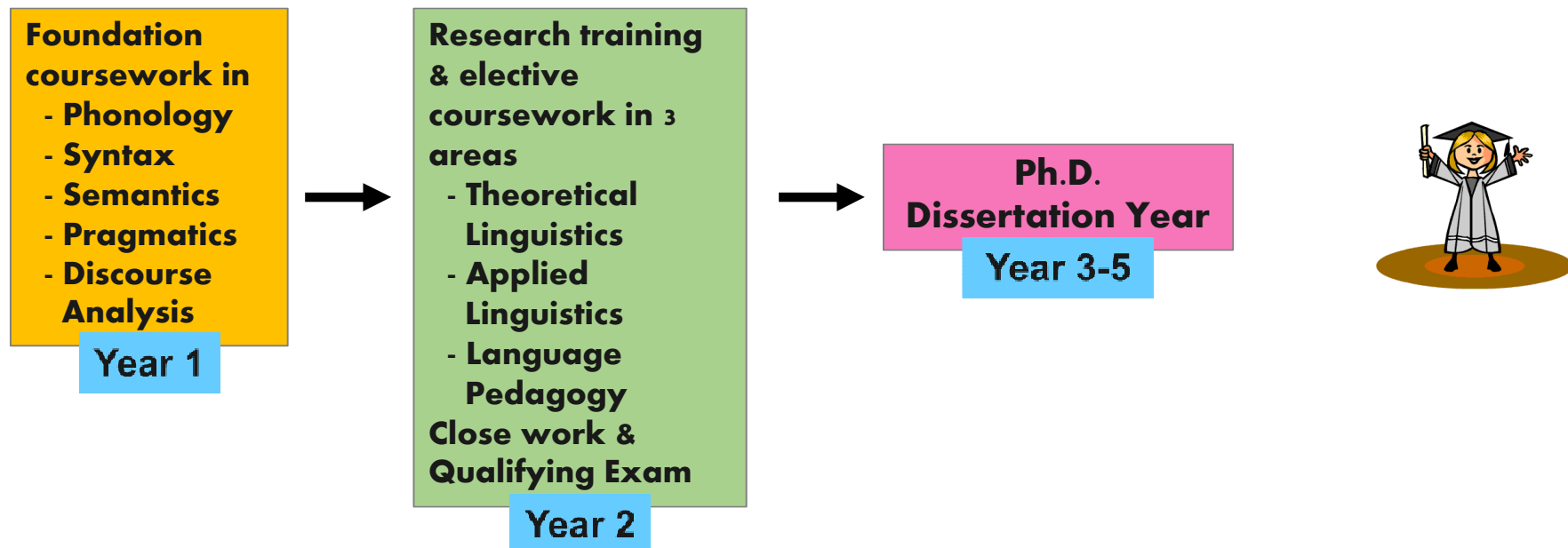- Academic probation and retirement

Program Information

Program Highlight

- **Students are trained in strong theoretical linguistics and research from renowned linguists**.

- **In addition, they can choose up to FOUR tracks for their future expertise—theoretical linguistics and applied linguistics-- psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics and language pedagogy**.

Ph.D. Program

Ph.D. Program Timeline

Foundation coursework in
- **Phonology**
- **Syntax**
- **Semantics**
- **Pragmatics**
- **Discourse Analysis**

Year 1

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Research training & elective coursework in 3 areas
- **Theoretical Linguistics**
- **Applied Linguistics**
- **Language Pedagogy**

Close work & Qualifying Exam

Year 2

→

Ph.D. Dissertation Year

Year 3-5

Ph.D. Plan of Study

Year 1	
1st Semester	**2nd Semester**
• **LI711 Advanced Phonology** • **LI712 Advanced Syntax** • **LI713 Advanced Semantics and Pragmatics**	• **LI751 Advanced Research in Linguistics** • ***LI752 Seminar in Linguistics** • **One Elective (must be relevant to dissertation topics)**

Year 2	
1st Semester	**2nd Semester**
• **Two Electives (must be relevant to dissertation topics)**	• **Research Proposal Defense** • **Qualifying Exam** • **LI899 Thesis**

*Students must attend LI752 Seminar in Linguistics every semester until their proposal will be approved by committee.

M.A. Program

M.A. Program Timeline

Foundation coursework in
  - **Phonology**
  - **Syntax**
  - **Semantics**
  - **Pragmatics**
  - **Discourse Analysis**

Year 1

→

Research training & elective coursework in 3 areas
  - **Theoretical Linguistics**
  - **Applied Linguistics**
  - **Language Pedagogy**

Year 2

→

M.A. Thesis Year

Year 3
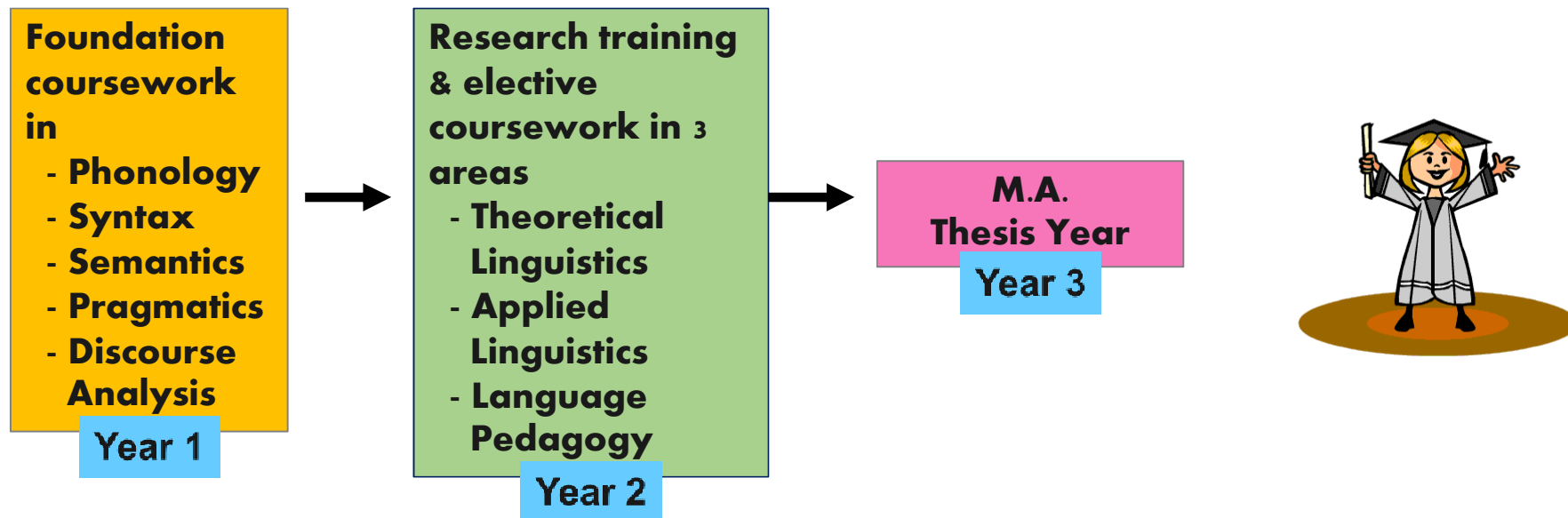
Plan of Study
Plan A: M.A. Thesis

Year 1	
1st Semester	**2nd Semester**
• **LI511 Phonological Analysis** • **LI512 Syntactic Analysis** • **LI513 Semantic Analysis**	• **LI521 Pragmatics and Discourse Analysis** • ***LI541 Seminar in Linguistics** • **One Elective (must be relevant to thesis topics)**
Year 2	
1st Semester	**2nd Semester**
• **Two Electives (must be relevant to thesis topics)**	• **LI699 Thesis**

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Plan of Study
Plan B: M.A. Project

Year 1	
1st Semester	**2nd Semester**
• **LI511 Phonological Analysis** • **LI512 Syntactic Analysis** • **LI513 Semantic Analysis**	• **LI521 Pragmatics and Discourse Analysis** • ***LI541 Seminar in Linguistics** • **Two Electives (must be relevant to the dissertation topics)**
Year 2	
1st Semester	**2nd Semester**
• **Three Electives (must be relevant to dissertation topics)**	• **LI688 Thesis** • **Comprehensive Exam**

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Graduate Workshops

- **Students must attend all of the following workshops:**
    1. **Fundamental Linguistics Workshop**
    2. **Research Colloquium**
    3. **Linguistics Boot Camp**
    4. **Academic Writing & Reading Workshop**

Additional Information

Advisor

- **Every incoming graduate student is assigned a faculty member as his/her first year mentor and students are required to meet with their first-year mentors on a regular basis.**

- **Students should choose their long-term research advisor near the end of their first year or beginning of their second year.**

- **No Linguistics graduate students should be without a faculty advisor at any point in his/her progress through the program. The advisor will help a student plan his/her program and provide counsel on problems the student might have.**

- **It is possible to have 2 co-advisers, typically both Linguistics faculty. In exceptional cases, it may be possible to have 1 co-advisor be a faculty member from outside the Department of Linguistics.**

Examinations

Qualifying Exam
Ph.D. Program

- **All of the students in Ph.D. Program must take a qualifying exam.**
- **The qualifying exam must be taken at the first semester of the second year.**
- **The exam covers 3 areas: phonology, syntax, and semantics as well as some advanced topics related to student' dissertation.**
- **Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.**
- **If students do not pass the exam, they are eligible to take the exam 3 times.**
- **If students DO NOT pass the exam within 3 times, they will be automatically disqualified from the graduate program.**

Comprehensive Exam
M.A. Program

- **Students choosing Plan B M.A. Project must take a comprehensive exam.**
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Useful websites/books in linguistics

- **Central library's website**: **http://library.swu.ac.th/th/**

Useful websites/books in linguistics

- **Free online books'website: http://gen.lib.rus.ec/**

Library Genesis¹ᴹ

Letter of Solidarity
New torrents for fiction, over 1.5M files!
Added new interface for a series of comic books
Added new function of downloading single books via torrents (mirror [1])

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Search in :

◉ LibGen (Sci-Tech) ○ Standards   ○ Fiction
○ Comics   ○ Scientific articles ○ Magazines

LibGen Search options:
Download type: [Resumed dl with original filename ▾]
View results: ◉ Simple ○ Detailed
Results per page [25 ▾]
Search for a phrase: ◉ Yes ○ No
Search in fields ◉ The column set default ○ Title ○ Author(s) ○ Series
○ Periodical ○ Publisher ○ Year ○ ISBN ○ Language ○ MD5 ○ Tags ○ Extension

Useful websites/books in linguistics

Lists of valuable linguistic books

Titles	Authors	Year
The Cambridge dictionary of linguistics	Keith Brown & Jim Miller	2013
Longman dictionary of language teaching and applied linguistics	Jack C. Richards & Richard Schmidt	2010
Projects in linguistics and language studies : a practical guide to researching language	Alison Wray & Aileen Bloomer	2012
Doing applied linguistics : a guide for students	Nicholas Groom & Jeannette Littlemore	2011
The handbook of linguistics	Mark Aronoff & Janie Rees-Miller	2001
The handbook of applied linguistics	Alan Davies & Catherine Elder	2004
The Oxford handbook of cognitive linguistics	Dirk Geeraerts & Hubert Cuyckens	2014

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Language and linguistics : the key concepts	R. L. Trask	2007
Research methods in linguistics	Robert Podesva & Devyani Sharma	2013
Writing an applied linguistics thesis or dissertation : a guide to presenting empirical research	John Bitchener	2010
The Practice of Critical Discourse Analysis: an Introduction	Meriel Bloor & Thomas Bloor	2015
Data and evidence in linguistics : a plausible argumentation model	Andras Kertesz & Csilla Rakosi	2012
The Universal Structure of Categories: Towards a Formal Typology	Martina Wiltschko	2014

Scholarships

- **Teaching Assistantships (TA) in Linguistics**

- **'Short Term Studying Abroad Program' Scholarship**

Scholarships

Teaching Assistantships (TA) in Linguistics

Eligibility Requirements

- **Must be a graduate student (M.A./Ph.D.) in Linguistics**

- **Minimum of 3.0 GPA**

- **Have a good behavior, attend university activities regularly, exhibit civic mindedness, have a good attitude towards the Program and the Department and _must have financial problems_**

Regulations for Recipients of Scholarship

- **Recipients must assist the Department of Linguistics with 90 hours during one academic year.**

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Student complaint procedure

1. **contact the individual instructor for issues about grades, exam procedures, absences, class policies, and so on**.

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2. **If contact with the instructor proves unsatis-factory, discuss the problem with an academic advisor either by e-mail, phone, or face-to-face.**

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3. **The advisor tries to resolve the problem in a straightforward, reasonable and prompt manner.**

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4. **If attempts to resolve the problem informally have not been successful, complete a Student Complaint Form, and submit it to the program chair for a written record**.

Student complaint procedure

5. To resolve the problem, you may be called for an interview about your complaint by the program chair.

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6. If the chair is unable to resolve the problem, the problem will be brought to the department head.

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7. The department head takes a prompt action by raising the issue in the agenda meeting for the executive board to handle the petition.

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8. The department will issue a response to the student's complaint (normally within 2 weeks of the hearing).

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9. In case the student still has a complaint, the problem will have to go to the dean along with written evidence.

Student Complaints Form

Complaint Form
Ph.D./M.A. Programs in Linguistics
Faculty of Humanities, Srinakharinwirot University

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Directions: The objectives of this form are to address issues and problems that graduate students encounter during their coursework and thesis. Please fill out the details below in order to help resolve the complaint(s). Please note that this form will not be shown to the instructors, thesis advisors or students named in the complaint.

Part 1: Student information

1. Name……………………………….Student ID number………………………..
2. Email………………………………………………………………………………..
3. Telephone number…………………………………………………………….
4. ☐ MA Linguistics Program   ☐ PhD Linguistics Program

Part 2: Reason and description of complaint

1. Reason of Complaints
   - ☐ Instructor (Name……………………………………Course title………………….)
     - ☐ Inappropriate teacher conduct ☐ Grading/exam/paper complaint
     - ☐ Teaching materials   ☐ Other (Please specify)……………….
   - ☐ Thesis Advisor Complaints
     - ☐ Not enough individual meetings
     - ☐ Late comment return
     - ☐ Dispute among committee members
     - ☐ Unpunctuality
   - ☐ Course contents
   - ☐ Program management
   - ☐ Facilities
   - ☐ Other (Please specify) ……………………………………………………….

2. Description of complaint
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Signature……………………………………………………………………………

(…………………………………………………………………………..)

DMY ……………/…………………../…………………………

Academic probation and retirement

Year	Semester	Cumulative GPA	Status
1	1	**< 2.5** **(lower than 2.50)**	**Retire**
		2.5 – 3.0 and **cannot raise GPA to 3.0 for** **next two semesters.**	**Retire**