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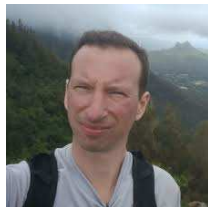# Linguistics graduate orientation

2 September 2025

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Introduction

Who is who:

- Graduate supervisor: Lev Blumenfeld
- Associate Director for Linguistics: Beth MacLeod
- Director of SLaLS (School of Linguistics and Language Studies): Michael Rodgers
- Program administrator: Rachel Kashul

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SLaLS

The School of linguistics and language studies:

- Linguistics: undergraduate & graduate programs
  - Theoretical linguistics
  - Experimental psycholinguistics
  - Language documentation
- Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies, aka ALDS: undergraduate and graduate programs
  - Second language acquisition, language teaching
  - Writing studies
  - Discourse analysis
  - Language policy, language revitalization
  - Language documentation, language mapping
- Modern Languages: undergraduate programs
- ESL, Communication Courses

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Broader context

Other places at Carleton that do things with language

- ICS: Institute of Cognitive Science
    - Formal semantics
    - Language and cognition
    - Computational modeling

- French
    - Synchronic and diachronic linguistics of French
    - Sociolinguistics of French

Where to find information

What you should be familiar with:

- School website: `https://carleton.ca/slals/`
- Graduate calendar:
  `https://calendar.carleton.ca/grad/`
- International students: `https://carleton.ca/isso/`
- Guide for linguistics graduate students
- Awards and funding:
  `https://gradstudents.carleton.ca/awards-and-funding/`

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Masters in linguistics

- 2-year MA in linguistics
- Focus on core areas of linguistic theory, with exposure to interfaces
- Thesis stream, essay stream
- Course requirements:
    - 0.5 in "sound" (Phonetics, phonology)
    - 0.5 in "structure" (Morphology, syntax, semantics)
    - 1.5 electives (0.5 in LING, 1 free)
    - 2.5 thesis
    - (Essay has more courses)

PhD in linguistics

- (Formerly known as "Linguistics, language documentation, and revitalization")
- Flexible, individualized program
- Courses:
  - Scholarly Preparation in Linguistics (6001, 6002)
  - 0.5 in "sound" (Phonetics, phonology)
  - 0.5 in "structure" (Morphology, syntax, semantics)
  - 0.5 in "methods" (Data collection methods, documentation, revitalization)
  - 1.0 credits electives (LING, ALDS, ANTH, CGSC)
  - Qualifying paper (completed in fall of year 2)
  - Comp exam (completed in winter/summer of year 2)
  - Thesis

Next steps

After you've started your coursework. . .

- Start thinking about longer-term plans:
    - What would you like to work on for your thesis (MA), QP (PhD)?
    - Who would you like your supervisor to be?
    - Once you find your supervisor, complete the "Letter of understanding" between supervisor and student (see Grad Guide)
- You will meet with the Graduate Supervisor in the first two months to discuss these plans and your goals in the program.
- Select thesis advisor by winter of year 1 at the latest.
- Apply for funding!

Annual review of students

- Annually by March 15th, all students submit a completed
  "annual review form" (see Grad Guide), listing their activities
  and accomplishments over the year, and plans for next year
- This form is not so much an "evaluation" for a grade, but
  rather a tool for information sharing between faculty
  members, so that we are aware of what is happening in the
  program and who is doing what

Reading group, aka "Scholarly Preparation"

- Most weeks we have a "reading group" meeting (Wednesdays at 14:30 this year)
- The reading group is an informal venue for any of the following:
    - Presentations of current work (faculty and students)
    - Discussion of articles and other readings
    - Dry-runs for conference talks
- Additionally, there will be "professional development" events, such as a workshop on how to write a funding application
- Please do two things:
    - Sign up for the mailing list (send an email to join-culing@lists.carleton.ca)
    - Think about what you can present or what paper you'd like to discuss

Funding

All applications available through Carleton Central.

- Donor-funded awards: Oct. 8th
- SSHRC PhD: Oct. 6th
- SSHRC MA: Dec. 1st
- OGS: Nov. 19th