

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE  
FORM C**

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**Division**

**Program**

**Branch**

Proposed effective term:

Semester      Fall      Year      2009

**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program      Graduate Degree Program      CIP Code

Name of New or Existing Program      \* PhD Linguistics

Catalog Page Number      241      Select Category      Degree      Degree Type      Ph.D.

Select Action      Revision

**Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog.**

See current catalog for format within the respective college (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

Ph.D. in Linguistics NB: changes are to the second paragraph only, as described below: The Ph.D. program requires a minimum of 48 graduate credit course work. This may include up to 30 hours of appropriate courses from the M.A. but at least 18 hours must be work beyond the M.A. At least 24 hours must be completed at UNM and at least 18 hours must be at the 500 or 600 level. Students must fulfill the following requirements: 1) a graduate phonology course (502 or 503); 2) an advanced course in phonetics or phonology (505, 506, or a seminar in phonetics or phonology); 3) a course in each of the following areas: discourse/syntax (523, 529, or a seminar on a relevant topic); cognitive linguistics (519, 525, or a seminar on a relevant topic), and typology (513, 517, 548, or a seminar on a relevant topic); 4) at least one methods courses; and 5) three advanced seminars in the areas of preparation for the comprehensive examination. These required courses include some that were required for the MA and courses taken for that degree may be included as fulfilling the requirements for the Ph.D. as well.

**This Change affects other departmental program/branch campuses**

Reason(s) for Request      \* (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

The course requirements for the Ph.D. program are restructured in the same way as the course requirements for the MA program (the actual courses overlap). The restructuring of the options reflects the functionalist focus of the department, and allows for greater flexibility for students to satisfy the requirements of the Ph.D. degree with more advanced courses beyond the basic courses offered to M.A. students, which will speed their specialized training in preparation for their dissertation research. The functionalist approach to language, which is the strength of our department, consists of three related but distinct approaches to language: discourse, cognitive and typological (the last represents a focus on language diversity, in particular with respect to indigenous languages of the world). Our proposal allows for a choice between a range of courses in each of these approaches to language that are represented by our Department. The proposal also allows for greater flexibility in the choice of the second phonetics/phonology course that is required in the Ph.D. program. These changes will give Ph.D. students more opportunities to take more advanced courses in their areas of specialization.

Statements to address budgetary and Faculty Load Implications and Long-range planning      \* (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)

These revisions will have no budgetary or faculty load effects. These revisions are part of a comprehensive review of Linguistics programs in order to increase recruitment of PhD students with respect to our peer departments at other institutions, and offer advanced graduate courses appropriate for the PhD with a small faculty. Reviewed and approved by the Department faculty.