

S.351

To: SENATE

From: H. M. Evans
Secretary
Senate Committee on Graduate
Studies and
Registrar

Subject: Graduate Studies - DML
Calendar Submission

Date: March 16, 1970.

At its meeting on March 10, the Senate Committee on Graduate Studies passed the following motion pertaining to the submission from the Department of Modern Languages, Paper GS-89, that

"the Graduate Calendar submission from the Department of Modern Languages be forwarded to Senate for approval."

It is recommended that Senate approve Senate Paper S.351 (Paper GS-89).

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The following persons are at present eligible to supervise graduate theses:
The major interests of each faculty member are indicated.

N.J. Lincoln	B.A. (London), M.A. (Alberta), Ph.D. (Cornell). Assistant Professor (South Asian Linguistics, Typology), Chairman
G.L. Bursill-Hall	M.A. (Cantab.), Ph.D. (London), Professor (Linguistic Theory, History of Linguistics)
B.E. Newton	M.A. (Oxon.), Associate Professor (Historical Phonology, Ancient and Modern Greek)
J.H. Wahlgren	B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (California), Associate Professor (Russian Linguistics, Computational Linguistics)
W.R. Babcock	B.M., M.A., Ph.D. (Rochester), Assistant Professor (Acoustic Phonetics, German Dialectology)
E.R. Colhoun	B.A., Ph.D. (Cornell), Assistant Professor (Caribbean and Latin- American Dialectology)
R.C. DeArmond	B.A. (Washington), M.A., Ph.D. (Chicago), Assistant Professor (Slavic Linguistics, Modern Linguistic Theory)
J. Foley	B.A., (Nebraska), Ph.D. (M.I.T.), Assistant Professor, (Phonological Theory)
H.M. Hammerly	B.A. (Columbia U.Sc.), Ph.D. (Texas) Assistant Professor (Applied Linguistics, Phonological Theory)
G.F. Holliday	B.A. (N.Y. State College), Ph.D. (Cornell), Assistant Professor (Russian Linguistics)
Margret B. Jackson	Ph.D. (Munster), Assistant Professor (Germanic Linguistics)
T. W. Kim	B.A. (So. Illinois), M.A., Ph.D. (Michigan) Assistant Professor (Romance Linguistics)
E.W. Roberts	B.A. (Wales), M.A., Ph.D. (Cantab.), Assistant Professor (Phonetics, Phonological Theory)
R. Saunders	A.B. (Penn. State), A.M., Ph.D. (Brown), Assistant Professor (Russian Linguistics, Phonological Theory)
Marguerite St-Jacques	L.-es-L., Docteur de troisieme cycle (Paris), Assistant Professor (French Linguistics, Creole French Dialects, Ethnolinguistics)

The Department offers graduate work leading to the degrees of M.A. and Ph.D. in Linguistics. Specialized programmes are offered in French, German, Russian and Spanish Linguistics and in the areas of Romance, Germanic, and Slavic Linguistics. Under the rubric of General Linguistics, other areas which faculty are currently prepared to supervise include: descriptive linguistics, history of linguistics, computational linguistics, South Asian linguistics, comparative and contrastive linguistics, linguistic theory, Caribbean and Latin-American dialectology, Amerindian linguistics, and Indo-European.

Supervisory Committees

Upon admission all students are assigned a temporary supervisor who will assist in the selection of courses and carry out general supervision until a supervisory committee is formed at the end of the first semester. For final examinations a special examining committee is formed, normally composed of the supervisory committee plus an outside examiner.

M.A. Programme

Admission:

Applications for admission, together with transcripts and references, should be sent to the departmental Chairman of Graduate Studies. Applicants should hold a B.A. degree or the equivalent normally with at least high second-class standing (B+) in their last two years. All applications and supporting documentation must be received by the department no less than three months before the beginning of the semester in which it is wished to start. Applicants with insufficient undergraduate training in Linguistics may be required to do guided non-credit study prior to commencing formal coursework.

Requirements:

The student may choose one of the following programmes:

- a) At least 20 hours of graduate coursework and a theses of 10 hours on a topic acceptable to the supervisory committee.
- b) At least 30 hours of graduate coursework and no less than two extended essays, subjects to be approved by the Supervisory Committee.

The Coursework must include Linguistics 800-5 and 801-5. In the case of the Russian Division the latter is to be taken as a mandatory audit. The remaining courses are to be selected from the offerings of the Division in which the thesis is to be written (two 5-hour courses in the case of Linguistics, German and Spanish; three courses totalling 10 credit hours in French; five 3-hour courses in Russian, including one course in Old Church Slavonic; under option b) these are all to be increased by a further 10 credit hours in each case). Except in the Russian Division, the student is further required to audit one additional course either in General Linguistics or within the Division concerned.

Both types of programme culminate in a comprehensive oral exam which may also include a written component at the discretion of the supervisory committee.

This committee is also responsible for drawing up a specific individual programme of coursework and readings to help the student prepare for this exam depending upon his particular interests and past experience.

All M.A. candidates are expected to show a high degree of competence in at least one language other than English.

Ph.D. Programme

Admission:

A student may normally be admitted to the Ph.D. programme after completion of an M.A. in Linguistics or its equivalent, provided his work has been of a high standard and provided he shows distinct potential for advanced work and independent research.

Upon completion of the coursework, the requirement for an M.A. thesis or extended essays may be waived at the discretion of the departmental Graduate Studies Committee for certain outstanding students who wish to enter the Ph.D. programme.

Requirements:

After not less than four semesters in residence, the candidate is required to take a comprehensive oral examination covering the field of general linguistics, particularly those areas in which he has chosen to specialize. To prepare for this examination, an individual programme of coursework, readings and graduate seminars will be drawn up for the candidate by his supervisory committee depending on his particular interests, aptitudes, and previous training. This examination may not be taken more than twice and it should not be attempted until the candidate and his supervisor are satisfied that sufficient preparation has been made.

In addition to the M.A. requirements, the coursework must include Linguistics 802-5 and 803-5. In the case of the Russian Division, the latter is to be taken as a mandatory audit. The remaining courses are to be selected from the offerings of the Division in which the thesis is to be written (two 5-hour courses in the case of Linguistics, German and Spanish; three courses totalling 10 credit hours in French; five 3-hour courses in Russian). Except in the Russian Division, the student is further required to audit one additional course either in General Linguistics or within the Division concerned.

NOTE: In the event that Linguistics 800-5 and 801-5 or equivalent have not been included in a Master's degree taken elsewhere, these courses must be taken in addition to the above.

Following successful completion of the comprehensive examination, a dissertation must be written, on a subject acceptable to the department, giving evidence of original research of high quality. The completed dissertation must be defended before a special examining committee approved by the Faculty of Arts Graduate Studies Committee and including an outside examiner from another university. This examining Committee may reject a dissertation in whole or in part, and in the latter case the dissertation may be re-submitted after all suggested changes have been made.

All Ph.D. candidates are expected to show a high degree of competence in at least two languages other than English. They should also have some knowledge of the structure of at least one non-Indoeuropean language. In addition, they may at any time be required to undertake additional training in order to remedy any deficiencies in their general academic background.

Time Required for Programme

Although the university regulation allows a time limit for completion of the degree of five years for the M.A., and ten years for the Ph.D., (including the work of the M.A. degree), an M.A. student is normally expected to complete his degree in two years; a Ph.D. student in three years after the M.A.

Description of Graduate Courses

All courses may be offered either as seminars or as lecture courses. At the discretion of the departmental Graduate Studies Committee, they may also exceptionally be offered as reading courses.

Linguistics

800-5	Phonology
801-5	Morphology and Syntax
802-5	Semantics
803-5	Theory
804-5	Descriptive Techniques
805-5	Historical and Comparative Linguistics
806-5	Social Linguistics
807-5	Computational Linguistics
808-5	History of Linguistics
810-5	General Linguistics I
811-5	General Linguistics II
812-5	General Linguistics III
813-5	General Linguistics IV
898	M.A. Thesis
899	Ph.D. Dissertation

French

802-3	Problems in French Semantics and Lexicology
803-3	Problems in French Linguistic Theory
804-3	Contrastive Structures of French and English
805-3	History of French
806-5	Problems in French Dialectology
807-4	Problems in French Phonology
808-4	Problems in French Grammar
898	M.A. Thesis
899	Ph.D. Dissertation

German

820-5	Problems in German Phonology
821-5	Problems in German Morphology
822-5	Problems in German Syntax
823-5	Problems in German Linguistics
824-5	Contrastive Structures of German and English

German Continued

825-5 History of German I
826-5 History of German II
827-5 Comparative Germanic Linguistics
828-5 North Germanic
829-5 East Germanic
898 M.A. Thesis
899 Ph.D. Dissertation

Russian

800-3 Problems in Russian Phonology
801-3 Problems in Russian Morphology
802-3 Problems in Russian Syntax
803-3 Problems in Russian Linguistics
804-3 Contrastive Structure of Russian and English
805-3 Historical Russian Linguistics
806-3 Historic Slavic Linguistics
807-3 Comparative Slavic Linguistics
808-3 West Slavic
809-3 South Slavic
810-3 Old Church Slavonic
898 M.A. Thesis
899 Ph.D. Dissertation

Romance

820-5 Problems in Romance Linguistics
821-5 Comparative Romance Linguistics
822-5 History of the Romance Languages

Spanish

820-5 Problems in Spanish Phonology
821-5 Problems in Spanish Morphology
822-5 Problems in Spanish Syntax
823-5 Problems in Spanish Linguistics
824-5 Contrastive Structures of Spanish and English
825-5 History of Spanish
898 M.A. Thesis
899 Ph.D. Dissertation

Identification of Changes Proposed in the DML Graduate Calendar

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List of Faculty

- 1) Only the names of faculty members eligible to supervise graduate theses are now included.
- 2) Following the lead of the History Department, an indication is given of the research interests of each faculty member.

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Preamble

A slightly more detailed indication is given of the areas in which faculty members are currently prepared to supervise graduate research.

Supervisory Committees

The original statement has been greatly simplified by excluding such things as the make-up and duties of the various committees. These matters are covered by faculty and university regulations and the details of our internal departmental arrangements are contained in a handbook for graduate students which is given to each student upon his arrival.

Areas of Study

This section in last year's calendar has been eliminated, since it is felt to be unnecessary in view of the lengthy preamble mentioned above. It was also felt that this section was an indication of the various programmes we would like to exist, rather than the ones which really did exist.

M.A. Programme

- 1) Following the lead of most other departments in the university, we have now decided to give students the option of submitting extended essays together with additional coursework instead of the thesis.
- 2) Whereas the old calendar specified rigid sequences of courses, the new calendar makes the vast majority of courses optional.
- 3) It is now specified that M.A. candidates are expected to show a high degree of competence in at least one language other than English.

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Ph.D. Programme

- 1) A fuller statement is given regarding the comprehensive oral exam.
- 2) The coursework requirements now permit the student many more options than the previous calendar.

- 3) A slightly fuller statement is given regarding the dissertation.
- 4) A language requirement is now imposed.
- 5) A statement is included regarding the time required for the programme.

Description of Graduate Courses

We now wish to make it possible to offer all courses either as seminars or as lecture courses; also, exceptionally, as reading courses, depending on the availability of faculty, student needs, etc.

Linguistics

1) The 18 graduate courses in linguistics of the old calendar have been reduced to 13 in the new one. The whole subject matter of the previous courses will still be taught, but it has been entirely re-organized into a smaller number of five-hour courses rather than the three-hour courses which we had before. This should permit students to finish their coursework faster than before and will require less faculty members, though this will be counter-balanced by the fact that we intend to use more than one faculty member in teaching certain of the re-organized courses.

2) The increase from three credit hours to five requires a complete re-numbering of courses.

3) In the previous calendar Linguistics 820, "Problems in General Linguistics", was used to teach subjects not covered by the remaining courses. It often happened that a student would take this 820 course twice with different faculty members and entirely different subject matter. However, since the Registrar was very unhappy to see the same course number appearing more than once on a student's record, we have now made it possible to assign different numbers to this kind of course.

German, Romance, Spanish

The number of credit hours has been increased from three to five and the courses re-numbered. This change brings the DML in line with other departments in terms of the number of credit hours for graduate courses. It will enable students to complete their coursework faster and it will make it possible for us to increase the amount of reading which we can require of our graduate students for each course. It has also proved impossible to handle the required amount of material in a three-hour course.

French

1) French 800 and 801 are increased from three to four credit hours and re-numbered 807, 808. It was felt that the amount of material being taught in these two classes warranted such a change.

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2) 806-3, "Problems in French Dialectology", is a new course. Not only is it considered very necessary for a degree in French linguistics, but it also makes it possible to deal with Canadian French, a subject which may prove popular in view of the increased interest in Canadian studies.

3) It is intended ultimately to increase the credit hours for French graduate courses to five, as in the case of all other graduate courses within the department. However, at the present time this is not feasible in view of the shortage of qualified faculty in French.

Russian

There are no changes from last year's calendar.

NJL/mhj
March 3rd, 1970.