Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Linguistics @ Yale

A Free Webinar For Prospective PhD Students

Friday, November 2nd
11:00AM - 12:00PM EST

An interactive webinar with faculty and students from Yale Linguistics
discussing current research and the admissions process.

This webinar is facilitated by the Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Office for Graduate Student Development and Diversity (OGSDD)
gsas.yale.edu/diversity
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Register Today!
Yale & New Haven, CT

- c. 130,000 people in New Haven
- Most people live walking/biking distance to campus
- Train to New York and Boston
Yale Linguistics

- c. 20 graduate students (3-4 per year)
- take classes together in early years
- run our colloquium series
- coordinate research groups with faculty
PhD Degrees

• Different from undergraduate degrees!
• Revolves around research and work together with faculty and other students
PhD Program

• Coursework in years 1-2
• Teaching in years 3-4
• Dissertation in years 5(-6)
• + Research projects in all years.
• Typical time to degree is 6 years.
Funding

• **Stipend** and **Tuition** (all students admitted with full support)

• **Health insurance, gym**

• **Research** and conference **travel** support:
  – Department
  – Graduate School
  – Yale’s Macmillan Center for overseas and Native American research
  – External fellowships
  – (Faculty grants)
Teaching

• Our students teach 4 semesters as teaching fellows
• Other teaching options are available
• Center for Teaching and Learning (ctl.yale.edu)
Applications

• Deadline is **Dec 15** each year
• Goes through main GSAS web site
• Application includes
  – GRE
  – GPA/Transcript
  – CV (Curriculum Vitae; research experience, awards, etc)
  – Personal Statement
  – 2 Writing Samples
  – (Optional) diversity statement
  – 3 recommendation letters [from faculty or employers]
What do successful students look like?

• self-motivated, hardworking
• creative but also goal-driven
• good writing skills
Pre-graduate school opportunities

• SURF Program
• Emerging Scholars Initiative (ESI-PREP program)
A typical day
Graduate Research
Department Areas

• Language Documentation
• Neurolinguistics/Psycholinguistics
• Historical Linguistics
• Phonetics and Phonology
• Syntax
• ...

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
What is the most important part of the application?
I got a C in calculus? Will I still get in?
What GRE scores do I need?
Do I need to take the TOEFL?
I’m not sure what I want to write my dissertation on. Is that ok?
What do students do after graduation?
Do I need a prior degree in linguistics?
Do I need to contact a faculty member in advance?