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Finishing the Portfolio

Linguistics 6930

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Course Goal

In the MSLT program, we see the portfolio both as a process and a product. The sequence of LING 6910, LING 6920, and LING 6930 is designed to aid students in understanding the process and in composing the product. In LING 6930, students will continue to revise their portfolio. To complete the course, a student will successfully defend the portfolio, complying with APA standards and the USU Grad School regulations, in the presence of the student's supervisory committee.

Paperwork and Rules

By the time a student is registered for LING 6930, both the Supervisory Committee form and the Program of Study should be on file with the Grad School. Once the student has a complete draft of the entire portfolio, it should be submitted to the committee members, who will then sign the Appointment for Examination form. This form is to be submitted to the Grad School no fewer than 10 working days before the intended defense. Students must be enrolled for a minimum of 3 credits the semester in which they defend.

Finishing up

Following the defense, revisions as required by the committee will be implemented. For students who wish to participate in graduate commencement (Friday May 3) and have their name printed in the program, the deadline for having all revisions done (and approved!) and the copies turned in for binding is April 3. Students who wish to participate in Commencement (without name in program) must have everything completed and turned in by May 3. Students who wish to be May graduates must have all revisions approved by the major professor no later than April 29 to allow for the Grad School paperwork deadline of May 3.

Schedule

Students will schedule weekly individual consultations with their portfolio instructor and make steady progress toward the course goal, involving their major professor and supervisory committee members as expected. On April 24, we will gather with the students in Ling 6920 and LING 6910, who will be eager to hear the stories of LING 6930 students about finishing the portfolio and having a defense.