



Finishing the Portfolio

Linguistics 6930 Fall 2017

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Course Goal

The sequence of LING 6910, LING 6920, and LING 6930 is designed to aid students in understanding academic writing expectations, practicing academic writing, developing revision skills, and composing the MSLT portfolio. In LING 6930, students will continue to revise and fine-tune components of their portfolio. To complete LING 6930, a student will successfully defend the portfolio in the presence of the student's supervisory committee. The portfolio must comply with MSLT program guidelines, APA standards, and USU Grad School regulations.

Timeline

By the time a student is registered for LING 6930, both the Supervisory Committee form and the Program of Study should be on file as "Approved". All Incomplete grades should be taken care of before we can begin thinking of a defense. Depending on the wishes of the committee members, the student should work closely with them on drafts of various sections of the portfolio, or just hand them the final draft when it is ready. A defense can be scheduled when Incomplete grades have been taken care of and the entire portfolio is ready. Once the student has a complete draft of the entire portfolio, s/he should submit it to all committee members, who will then peruse it before signing 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.

In order to be a Dec 2017 graduate, a student should schedule the defense for some time in November or early December. Following the defense, revisions as required by the committee must be implemented. For December completion, the deadline for having all revisions done is Dec 4; this gives the committee chair time to look over and approve the required revisions. Final copies of the portfolio are to be delivered to the library for binding. An electronic copy must also be submitted to the library. The library's confirmation email to SGS and all final paperwork for the Grad School must be received by SGS no later than Dec 15, 2017.

LING 6930 Meeting Schedule

Beginning the first week of the semester, students 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 Dec 6 at 4:30 PM, all current MSLT students will gather to hear the stories of those who finished the portfolio and had a successful defense this semester.