



Structured PhD Programme in Applied Language Studies

This programme is a structured blend of graduate education in theory and methods, and supervised research. The taught elements of the programme draw on modules offered to postgraduate students in the School of Languages, Literature, Culture and Communication in combinations designed to deliver both a broader graduate education for research students, and a more specific focus for individual students. This combination of modules is supplemented, as appropriate, by external research methodology training and the development of generic skills. This helps to ensure that students are exposed to research approaches in the international research community as demanded by government and funding agency plans for the upgrading of Irish research training.



DURATION

4 Years (FT)

STRUCTURE

This four-year programme includes a combination of research and taught modules. The principal component of the programme is the doctoral thesis. In addition to developing their research project, students will follow a number of taught modules in disciplinary areas relevant to their thesis, as well as taught generic modules intended to provide them with the skills necessary to complete the thesis and develop their future career.

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APPLICATIONS

Applications should be made online. Further information and forms are available at: www.graduateschool.ul.ie

Objectives

- To enable students to locate their research in the wider context of applied language studies by providing a taught component in relevant areas
- To enable students to develop skills with which to meet changing demands for applied languages research by providing a taught component including generic skills courses
- To enable students to teach and develop their research to international standards by providing specialist disciplinary education for its graduates
- To provide students with a strong foundation in theoretical and methodological principles
- To develop students' skills as active researchers, able to engage with their peers through research networks and collaborative international research
- To develop students' skills as autonomous researchers, able to evaluate different research problems, select and apply appropriate research tools and methods to address these problems, and gather and evaluate appropriate evidence for the resolution of research questions
- To facilitate student research that will contribute to the redefinition of existing knowledge in Applied Language Studies



Entry Requirements

An undergraduate degree at upper second level (2.1) or taught postgraduate degree (2.1), or equivalent, from a recognised third-level institution in a relevant field. Candidates should be proficient in the use of English for academic purposes to meet UL and NUIG Galway's minimum standards.

Students in possession of suitable qualifications or professional/research experience equivalent to the work done in Semesters 1-4 of the programme and who wish to enter the PhD programme may be admitted at the discretion of the course board and the University and may be asked to provide evidence of their suitability in the form of written work, through interview or both.