

ENGLISH LINGUISTICS PHD PROGRAMME



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1 WHAT'S A PHD?

A PhD is a postgraduate degree awarded to students who carry out an original research, which is called a doctoral dissertation (or thesis).

A PhD thesis must be carried out under the supervision of at least one university professor. However, students can apply for the **joint supervision** of their work to add value to it. Students may also apply for an **international PhD mention** to enhance the international dimension of their thesis. Students may opt to write the thesis in a “full-length format” or a “papers-style format”.

For further information, please visit our webpage.



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During your time as a PhD student, you should become familiar with the UCM Doctoral School ([Escuela de Doctorado](#)), which is in charge of regulating all the PhD programmes within the UCM, including our [PhD Programme in English Linguistics](#).

Since our programme belongs to the UCM, this institution may sometimes ask you to complete some paperwork, which must be done in Spanish (level B). Our programme aims to offer the best possible support to our students. For this reason, we will also ask you to do some extra work oriented to improving your PhD dissertation. In this case, however, English will be the language of communication.

We understand this duality may be complex, and that is why all students, precisely first-year students and international students, are strongly advised to visit our webpage, as well as to attend our **welcome session**, held at the beginning of the year, where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.



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TRAINING PLAN



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Students who enrol in our programme can do so either full-time (3 years) or part-time (5 years).

During this time, you are expected to, at least, **meet with your supervisor** and/or supervisors regularly, attend any **training activity** organised by the programme, and complete your **research proposal** and **dissertation**.

Further possible **training activities** will be explained in the next section.



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ACADEMIC OBLIGATIONS AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

1ST. YEAR:

UCM Doctoral School (in Spanish):

- Hand in written commitment & registration of PhD thesis ([compromiso documental](#) e inscripción de tesis) (January)
- Fill in research plan (plan de investigación) on RAPI (by June)

English Linguistics PHD Programme (in English):

- Attendance to Introduction to RAPI Software Workshop (November)
- Attendance to English Linguistics Advanced Research Seminar (March)
- Design a dissertation proposal and present it at the Workshop (May)
- Hand in a long research proposal (June)

ALL CANDIDATES:

- English Linguistics Advanced Research Seminar (March)
- Dissertation Workshops (May)

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OTHER RECOMMENDED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES



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- Scholarly Book Review
- Oral contributions to Scientific Conferences related to English Linguistics
- Organization of English Linguistics Conferences
- Mobility
- Get Together Seminars

You can find a detailed description of the training activities at [Plan formativo](#) on our webpage.



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COMMUNICATION CHANNELS FOR PHD CANDIDATES

Our [Webpage](#)

[Campus Virtual](#) UCM

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WHERE ARE MY COLLEAGUES?

A sense of belonging:

PhD Get Together Seminars
PhD [Web Community](#)
Campus Virtual chat room

