Suggested Course Outline for Linguistics, German or Italian 4II3: Independent Study

Students and supervisors may modify these suggested responsibilities, deadlines and weights as appropriate to the project. For each deadline, the supervisor should also indicate when the student can expect to receive feedback on the work.

At least 10% of the total grade must be assigned prior to the final date by which a student may cancel the course without academic penalty (usually early November for Fall and Fall/Winter courses and mid-March for Winter courses).

Proposal and Annotated Bibliography

A brief description of the research question and a proposed reading list, annotated with comments as to the relevance of each item to the topic.

Interim Reading Summaries

The student reads and summarizes the assigned literature. The student and supervisor meet regularly to discuss the student’s learning.

Draft Literature Review

A comprehensive summary of the current literature relevant to the question.

Draft Research Paper

A draft of the research paper that includes a review of the literature (updated from the earlier draft), and an account of how the student’s findings or interpretation extends current knowledge.

Research Presentation

A poster or short talk (depending on conference format) presented at the department’s Student Research Day.

Final Research Paper

A final version of the paper, usually 15-20 pages long, incorporating the advisor’s feedback on the draft.