



Reading List for the Preliminary Examination for PPL and ML/MLL

Most titles are available in Oxford libraries.
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Titles marked '**' are required textbooks.

Summer readings (to be done before you start your
undergraduate degree)

Introductory readings

Rickerson, E.M. & Barry Hilton (2012). *The 5 Minute Linguist*. Equinox, London.

OR

McWhorter, John (2011). *What Language Is (And What It Isn't, And What It Could Be)*.
Gotham, New York.

More advanced reading

Fromkin, Victoria; Robert Rodman, Nina Hyams (2010), *An Introduction to Language*
(International edition). Wadsworth. [Any edition since 2008 will do. The 2002 edition is
available online in .pdf format from the Internet Archive]

Textbooks and Readings for the First Year

In your first year you follow three courses in Linguistics: Paper VIII (General Linguistics), Paper IX
(Phonetics and Phonology) and Paper X (Grammatical Analysis). Paper VIII covers Foundations,
Psycholinguistics, Semantics and Pragmatics, Sociolinguistics and Historical Linguistics, each
organised in a four-week block. There is no single recommended



Paper VIII --- General Linguistics

General, overall reference

Fromkin, Victoria; Robert Rodman, Nina Hyams (2010), *An Introduction to Language* (International edition). Wadsworth. [Any edition since 2008 will do. The 2002 edition is available online in .pdf format from the Internet Archive]

Foundations

In the Foundations block you will be introduced to key concepts in Linguistics. The first two of the following books are good for dipping into in order to find out about a variety of ideas and figures that have shaped modern Linguistics; the second offers a good grounding and introduction to the notions of Universal Grammar and I-language.

Chapman, Siobhan & Christopher Routledge (2009). *Key Ideas in Linguistics and the Philosophy of Language*. Edinburgh, Edinburgh University Press.

Chapman, Siobhan & Christopher Routledge (2005). *Key Thinkers in Linguistics and the Philosophy of Language*. Edinburgh, Edinburgh University Press.

Isac, Daniela & Charles Reiss (2013). *I---language: An introduction to Linguistics as Cognitive Science*. Second Edition, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Psycholinguistics

Aitchison, Jean (2007). *The Articulate Mammal: An Introduction to Psycholinguistics*. Fifth Edition, Routledge, London.

Traxler, Matthew (2011). *Introduction to Psycholinguistics: Understanding Language Science*. Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford.

Semantics and Pragmatics

Chapman, Siobhan (2011). *Pragmatics*. Palgrave-Macmillan, Basingstoke.

Elbourne, Paul (2011). *Meaning: A Slim Guide to Semantics*. Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Sociolinguistics



Kiesling, Scott (2010). *Linguistic Variation and Change*. Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh.

Meyerhoff, Miriam (2011). *Introducing Sociolinguistics*. Routledge, London.

Historical Linguistics

Aitchison, Jean (2013). *Language Change: Progress or Decay?* Fourth Edition, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Paper IX - Phonetics and Phonology

*Ashby, Michael & John Maidment (2005). *Introducing Phonetic Science*. Cambridge Introductions to Language and Linguistics, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Clark, John & Colin Yallop (2006). *An Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology*. Blackwell textbooks in linguistics, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford.

*International Phonetic Association (1999). *Handbook of the International Phonetic Association: a guide to the use of the international phonetic alphabet*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Paper X - Grammatical Analysis

Aronoff, Mark & Kirsten Fudeman (2011). *What is Morphology?* Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford.

Camie, Andrew (2013). *Syntax: a Generative Introduction*. Third Edition, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford. [Available electronically via the Search Oxford Libraries Online system in Oxford]

*Haspelmath, Martin and Sims, Andrea (2010). *Understanding Morphology*. Second edition, Routledge, London.

Kroeger, Paul R. (2005). *Analyzing grammar: An Introduction*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

*Maggie Tallerman (2014). *Understanding syntax*. Understanding language series. Fourth Edition, Routledge, London.



Useful general reference

Crystal, David (1999). *The Penguin Dictionary of Language*. Penguin Reference Books, Penguin, London.

Crystal, David (2003). *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Matthews, P H (2014). *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Linguistics*. Third Edition. Oxford paperback reference, Oxford University Press, Oxford.