

Course Program

The qualification program is designed to meet the different requirements of the PhD students. In the **first semester**, the emphasis will be on theoretical background, research methods and consultation with the thesis committee. The **second and third semesters** are dedicated to advanced research, methodological courses and a teaching workshop (given the strong value of teaching experience when

entering the job market). In the **fourth and fifth semesters**, students present their results at national and international conferences. The **final semester** is spent on completing the PhD thesis.

Towards the end of the three-year period, PhD students will also attend courses preparing them for the post-doctorate career phase.

Overview of courses and workshops provided by the RTG

| Type | Title/Content | Responsible | Duration | Frequency | Semester | ECTS |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Theory course | Morphology and syntax ¹ | Mensching | 1 sem | Block | 1 | 4 |
| Theory course | Semantics and pragmatics ¹ | Steiner-Mayr | 1 sem | Block | 1 | 4 |
| Theory course | Morphosyntax/semantics interface ¹ | Zeijlstra | 1 sem | Block | 2 | 4 |
| Theory course | Morphosyntax/pragmatics interface ¹ | Skopeteas | 1 sem | Block | 2 | 4 |
| Theory course | Theories of grammar ¹ | Holler | 1 sem | Block | 3 | 4 |
| Methods course | Experimental linguistics ¹ | Mani | 1 sem | Block | 3 | 4 |
| Methods course | Statistical analysis ¹ | Weskott | 1 sem | Block | 3 | 4 |
| Methods course | Corpus linguistics ¹ | Coniglio | 1 sem | Block | 2 | 4 |
| Methods course | Language documentation | Keydana | 1 sem | Block | 3 | 4 |
| Methods course | Data editing and data management ^{1, 3} | Sporleder | 1 sem | Block | 3 | 4 |
| Workshop | Teaching skills | Steinbach | 2 days | Block | 2 | 2 |
| Workshop | Scientific writing ^{2, 3} | Weskott | 2 days | Block | 3 | 2 |
| Workshop | Presentation skills ^{2, 3} | Mani | 2 days | Block | 3 | 2 |
| Workshop | Conflict management ^{2, 3} | Junghanns | 2 days | Block | 4 | 2 |
| Workshop | Science and project management ^{2, 3} | Holler | 2 days | Block | 4 | 2 |
| Workshop | Dissemination/transfer of knowledge ^{2, 3} | Steinbach | 2 days | Block | 5 | 2 |
| Workshop | Grant writing, career planning ^{2, 3} | Zeijlstra | 2 days | Block | 5 | 2 |
| Workshop | Work-life balance ^{2, 3} | Skopeteas | 2 days | Block | 5 | 2 |
| Workshop | Kick-off meeting | Zeijlstra | 2 days | Block | 1 | |
| Workshop | Annual retreat | Zeijlstra | 2 days | Block | 2, 4, 6 | |
| Workshop | Events with RTG-special guests | Participating researchers | 2-5 days | Block | 1-6 | |
| Colloquium | RTG colloquium | Zeijlstra | 2 hours | Weekly | 1-6 | |
| Supervision | Thesis committee meeting | Participating researchers | 2 hours | Block | 1-6 | |
| Teaching | Co-teaching (Hetairios program) | Hoffmann | 1 semester | Weekly | 3, 4 or 5 | |
| Teaching | Tutorial | Hoffmann | 1 semester | Weekly | 3, 4 or 5 | |
| Reading group | Reading group | PhD students with the speaker | 2 hours | Bi-weekly | 2-5 | |
| Summer school | Summer school | Zeijlstra | 5 days | Block | 3 | |
| Conference | International Workshop | PhD students | 3 days | Block | 4 | |

Mandatory courses are in **bold**.

¹ Choice of at least three courses is mandatory.

² Choice of at least two courses is mandatory.

³ Courses will be provided by external consultants and/or professional coaches.