Reading List for the Preliminary Examination

for PPL and ML/MLL

Most titles are available in Oxford libraries. Click to find out which library holds a copy. Titles marked ‘*’ are required textbooks.

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

Introductory readings


OR


More advanced reading


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 textbook for Paper VIII, but a number of books are suggested as reference reading: these are organised under headings for each of the areas in the following list.
Paper VIII - General Linguistics

General, overall reference


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.


Psycholinguistics


Semantics and Pragmatics


Sociolinguistics


Historical Linguistics


Paper IX - Phonetics and Phonology


Paper X - Grammatical Analysis


Useful general reference

