

MSt and MPhil Foundation Course Summer Reading List

Details about the **reading that you should do before arriving**.

The Faculty's intensive course in core branches of Linguistics is called the 'Foundation Course'. The Foundation Course is the Faculty's flagship course: it is a distinctive part of the MSt and MPhil courses, taken by all MSt and MPhil students and putting a core aim of the Faculty into practice. It leads the way to the further courses that you will choose for yourselves. Teaching is via lectures and practical classes, and the course is assessed by means of an examination which all master's students take, called *Paper A: Linguistic Theory*.

Students begin the MSt and MPhil courses with very different amounts of background in Linguistics. To bring everybody to the same level while challenging everybody, the Foundation Course trains everybody from the ground up, but **it is a fast-moving course** and it is important that all students have done specific reading before they arrive.

Phonetics

If you have little or no previous background in Phonetics, please read chapters 1–5 of **M. Davenport & S. J. Hannahs (2010), *Introducing Phonetics and Phonology*, 3rd edn, Routledge**.

If you already have enough background to make an introductory book unnecessary, you are encouraged to read the following instead, to keep up and develop your interest in the subject: **P. Ladefoged and S. Ferrari Disner (2004), *Vowels and Consonants*, 3rd edn, Wiley-Blackwell**.

All students please also buy the following book before the course begins: ***Handbook of the International Phonetic Association: A Guide to the Use of the International Phonetic Alphabet*, Cambridge University Press 1999**.

Phonology

If you have little or no previous background in Phonology, please read chapters 4, 6 and 7 of the following: **B. Hayes (2007), *Introductory Phonology*, Wiley-Blackwell**.

If you already have enough background to make an introductory book unnecessary, you are encouraged to read the following instead, to keep up and develop your interest in the subject: **C. Gussenhoven & H. Jacobs (2011), *Understanding Phonology*, 3rd edn, Hodder Education**.

Syntax

If you have little or no previous background in Syntax, please read **M. Tallerman (2014), *Understanding Syntax*, 4th edn, Arnold**. If you already have enough background to make an introductory book unnecessary, you are encouraged to read the following instead, to keep up and develop your interest in the subject: **R. Van Valin (2001), *An Introduction to Syntax*, Cambridge University Press**.

Semantics

If you have little or no previous background in Semantics, please read **P. Elbourne (2011), *Meaning: A Slim Guide to Semantics*, Oxford University Press**.

If you already have enough background to make an introductory book unnecessary, you are encouraged to read **either one** of the following instead, to keep up and develop your interest in the subject:

G. Chierchia & S. McConnell-Ginet (2000) *Meaning and Grammar: An Introduction to Semantics*, 2nd edn, MIT Press.

I. Heim & A. Kratzer (1998) *Semantics in Generative Grammar*, Blackwell.