

Department of Germanics
MA Reading List

Linguistics and Philology

The Linguistics Reading List consists of two areas of concentration, **I and II**, below. Students may choose to focus on only one area of concentration, or may prepare both areas. Candidates are expected to confer with the departmental linguists for further suggestions.

I. Synchronic studies. Read under both A and B.

(A) Familiarity with the organization and terminology in several standard reference grammars of Modern High German such as:

- (1) Curme, George O. *A grammar of the German language*.
- (2) Duden. *Grammatik der deutschen Gegenwartssprache*, any later edition.
- (3) Heidolph, Karl Erich et al. *Grundzüge einer deutschen Grammatik*.
- (4) Lederer, Herbert. *Reference grammar of the German language*.
- (5) Schulz, Dora and Griesbach, Heinz. *Grammatik der deutschen Sprache*.

(B) Familiarity with some commonly used linguistic concepts such as transformational rule, morpheme and morphological rule, phoneme and phonological rule. Read on these concepts in several introductory linguistics textbooks such as:

- (1) Akmajian, Adrian et. al. *Linguistics: An introduction to language and communication*.
- (2) Bolinger, Dwight. *Aspects of language*.
- (3) Fromkin, Victoria; Rodman, Robert; Hyams, Nina. *An introduction to language*.
- (4) Hockett, Charles F. *A course in modern linguistics*.

II. Diachronic (historical) studies. Choose one of the following areas under A and B. (Candidates are expected to be familiar with all important synchronic and diachronic rules in the language(s) they select below as well as primary texts in any language chosen.)

(A) Several histories of the German language such as one of the following:

- (1) Bach, Adolf. *Geschichte der deutschen Sprache*.
- (2) Keller, R.E. *The German language*.
- (3) Priebisch, Robert and Collinson, W.E. *The German language*.
- (4) Robinson, Orrin W. *Old English and its closest relatives*.
- (5) Waterman, John T. *A history of the German language*.

(B) At least one of the following Germanic languages (considered both synchronically and historically):

- (1) A modern German dialect. There are several sources, among them:
Keller, R.E. *German dialects*.
- (2) Gothic. There are several sources, among them:
 - (i) Braune, Wilhelm. *Gotische Grammatik*.
 - (ii) Jellinek, Max Hermann. *Geschichte der gotischen Sprache*.
 - (iii) Kieckers, Ernst. *Handbuch der vergleichenden gotischen Grammatik*.
 - (iv) Krause, Wolfgang. *Handbuch des Gotischen*.
 - (v) Streitberg, Wilhelm. *Gotisches Elementarbuch*.
 - (vi) Wright, Joseph. *Grammar of the Gothic language*.
- (3) Middle High German. There are several sources, among them:
 - (i) de Boor, Helmut and Wisniewski, R. *Mittelhochdeutsche Grammatik*.
 - (ii) Paul, Hermann. *Mittelhochdeutsche Grammatik*.
 - (iii) Walshe, M. O'C. *Middle High German primer*.
- (4) Old High German. There are several sources, among them:
Braune, Wilhelm. *Althochdeutsche Grammatik*.
- (5) Old Saxon. There are several sources, among them:
 - (i) Gallée, Johan Hendrik. *Altsächsische Grammatik*.
 - (ii) Holthausen, Ferdinand. *Altsächsisches Elementarbuch*.