LANGUAGE SCIENCE

Graduate Program Head: Michael Travis Putnam
Program Code: LNGSC
Campus(es): University Park
Degrees Conferred: Dual-Title
The Graduate Faculty: View (https://secure.gradsch.psu.edu/gpms/?searchType=fac&prog=LNGSC)

Students electing this degree program through participating programs earn a degree with a dual-title at the Ph.D. level, i.e., Ph.D. in (graduate program name) and Language Science.

The following graduate programs offer dual-title Ph.D. degrees in Language Science:

- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- German
- Psychology
- Spanish

A dual-title degree program in participating programs and Language Science will prepare students to combine the theoretical and methodological approaches of several disciplines in order to contribute to research in the rapidly growing area of Language Science. This inherently interdisciplinary field draws on linguistics, psychology, speech-language pathology, and cognitive neuroscience, as well as other disciplines, to address both basic and applied research questions in such areas as first and second language acquisition, developmental and acquired language disorders, literacy, and language pedagogy. Dual-title degree students will receive interdisciplinary training that will enable them to communicate and collaborate productively with a wide range of colleagues across traditional discipline boundaries. Such training will open up new employment opportunities for students and give them the tools to foster a thriving interdisciplinary culture in their own future students. The dual-title program will facilitate the formation of a cross-disciplinary network of peers for participating students as part of their professional development.