



St Hilda's College
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

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Modern Languages and Linguistics – Linguistics

Congratulations on being offered a place to read Modern Languages and Linguistics at St Hilda's. As Linguistics Organising Tutor, I very much look forward to welcoming you this October. In the meantime this letter provides you with some information on the first-year Linguistics course (the so-called Prelims), for which you will sit exams at the end of next year's Trinity Term (June 2027).

The aim of the Prelims course is to provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the study of linguistics. To this end you will have lectures and classes/tutorials for the following modules:

- Phonetics & Phonology;
- Grammar (covering both Morphology and Syntax);
- Semantics & Pragmatics;
- General foundations, Psycholinguistics, Sociolinguistics, Historical Linguistics.

Please take a look at the undergraduate reading list, which is available at:

http://www.ling-phil.ox.ac.uk/reading_prelims

and complete the introductory readings listed before you arrive.

Make sure to retain the receipts for your Linguistics book purchases as you will be able to apply for a College book grant to claim back up to £60 when you arrive in October.

If anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

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