This is a three-part requirement. It may be fulfilled using either two (2) or three (3) foreign languages other than English.

1. **Research language**: Evidence of 4 semesters of undergraduate-level study with passing grades; or Translation exam (see Ph.D. Advisor [http://ling.uta.edu/~laurel/](http://ling.uta.edu/~laurel/)); or Other (determined by the student's dissertation committee).

2. **Spoken (or signed) language**: Evidence of 4 semesters of undergraduate-level study with passing grades; or Conversation exam (see Ph.D. Advisor [http://ling.uta.edu/~laurel/](http://ling.uta.edu/~laurel/)); or Other (determined by the student's dissertation committee).

3. **Structural Knowledge of a Non-Western Language (NWL)**: Completion of LING 5360 (or comparable course from another university); or Substantial documented research paper covering at least two core theoretical areas (e.g. phonology and syntax, syntax and semantics, etc.) in one language; or Master's thesis on a NWL, provided that the work demonstrates a comprehensive knowledge of the language's grammar.

   Notes:

   English may not be used to fulfill any part of the Foreign Language Requirement.

   "Non-Western" is defined as follows: Non-Romance, Non-Germanic, Non-Slavic, and Non-Hellenic. All other branches of the Indo-European family (e.g. Gaelic, Indo-Aryan, Armenian) are considered "Non-Western," as are all other languages outside of Indo-European. The knowledge to be presented for area (3) must be in a single language; partial linguistic study of multiple languages is not sufficient.

   Students who have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a university at which the medium of instruction is a Non-Western language will automatically have completed requirements (1) and (2) but not (3); meeting the structural knowledge component requires documented academic study of the language in question, not merely spoken or written proficiency.