

Linguistics, Applied

College of Liberal Arts
Linguistics Program
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M.A. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 30 credits

Linguistics is the study of language and covers a variety of subjects from theories of grammar and how we produce language to applications of linguistic knowledge in areas such as language teaching.

The M.A. degree in applied linguistics focuses on language teaching and materials development, and/or documentation of underdocumented languages. For students who intend to teach Alaska Native languages, English as a second language or foreign languages, it is designed to provide theoretical and practical foundations in second language acquisition and pedagogy, as well as grammatical explication. For students who intend to work in language documentation, it is designed to provide practical foundations in general linguistics, applications to Alaska Native languages, and techniques of fieldwork and documentation. Students are expected either to have or to develop proficiency in at least one language other than English, as demonstrated by a proficiency exam or a comparable measure determined by the student's graduate committee.

Graduate Program—M.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 182).
2. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 186).
3. Complete the following core courses:
LING 601—Principles of Linguistic Analysis* 3
LING 602—Second Language Acquisition (3)
 or equivalent (3) 3
LING 603—Phonetics and Phonology 3
LING 604—Morphology and Syntax 3
LING 610—Theory and Methods of Second Language
 Teaching (3)
 or equivalent (3) 3
LING 660—Internship 3
Complete elective credits at the 600-level.** 9-12
4. Complete one of the following:
LING 698—Research (6)
 or LING 699—Thesis (6) 6
5. Minimum credits required 30

* Or equivalent, e.g., ANL 452 or undergraduate core courses in LING.

** Up to 6 credits may be at the 400-level with approval from the graduate committee. Courses may be chosen from the following: ANTH 631, 632, 670, ANL 401, 402, 601, ED 620, ED/LING 621, ENGL 462, 472, 661, 685, 686, LING 420, 630, 631, 632, 633, 650, or 400-level foreign language course.