

Linguistics

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Note: Effective Fall 2018, new students are not being admitted to this program. Contact the program directly for more information.

The Department of Linguistics offers course work leading to the Master of Arts in Linguistics with a concentration in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)/Applied Linguistics. The Interdepartmental Concentration in Gender and Women's Studies is available to students in this program.

Admission and Degree Requirements

- [MA in Linguistics](#) (suspended)

LING 402. Trial Interaction. 3 or 4 hours.

Language use, culture, and law in the trial process. Analysis of qualitative methods applied to legal processes and change. Course Information: Same as CLJ 402. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): CLJ 261 and CLJ 350; or consent of the instructor.

LING 405. Introduction to General Linguistics. 3 or 4 hours.

Linguistics, the scientific study of language as knowledge, structure, and use, involves Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, and Pragmatics. Introduction to Linguistics explores these disciplines. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

LING 406. History of European Standard Languages. 3 or 4 hours.

The phenomenon of the "standard language" in Western and Eastern Europe. Course Information: Same as CEES 406 and LCSL 406. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Taught in English. In cases where students speak languages other than English, they might receive tasks to research literature in that language (and on that language) and to present their research results. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above; and consent of the instructor.

LING 440. Language and Gender. 3 or 4 hours.

Examination of sociolinguistic research and theories on the interrelationships between language and gender, including gender categories in linguistic systems, gender differences in language use, interaction, and cross-cultural comparisons. Course Information: Same as GWS 440. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Previously listed as LING 540. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

LING 459. Topics in Linguistics. 3 or 4 hours.

Topics vary. Course Information: Same as LCSL 459. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 2 time(s). Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

LING 480. Sociolinguistics. 3 or 4 hours.

The study of language structure and use involving socially-informed pragmatics, ethnography of communication, sociolinguistic variation and dialectology, and issues of bilingualism. Course Information: Same as ANTH 480. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): LING 405; and junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

LING 483. Methodology of Second Language Teaching. 3 or 4 hours.

Approaches, methods, and techniques for teaching second languages with a focus on speaking, listening, writing, reading, and on assessment and curriculum/syllabus design. Course Information: Same as LCSL 483. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Junior standing or above and consent of the instructor.

LING 487. Computer Assisted Language Learning. 3 or 4 hours.

An introduction to computer assisted language learning (CALL): the use of computer technology in second language reading and research. The effectiveness of CALL technology is assessed based on SLA theory and research studies. Course Information: Same as GER 487 and SPAN 487. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Taught in English. Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): LING 483 or CIE 483 or GER 448 or FR 448 or SPAN 448 or GER 449 or FR 449 or SPAN 449; or SPAN 502 or FR 502 or the equivalent; and senior standing or above.

LING 496. Independent Study. 1-4 hours.

Students are assigned to this course at the discretion of the department. Independent study in an area of linguistics not normally covered by regular course offerings. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. A maximum of 6 hours is allowed for undergraduate students, and 8 hours of credit for graduate students. Prerequisite(s): 9 hours of linguistics and approval of the head of the department. Class Schedule Information: This course counts toward the limited number of independent study hours accepted toward the undergraduate degree and the major.

LING 506. Cross-Cultural Communication. 4 hours.

Analysis of different theoretical approaches to cross-cultural communication (sociolinguistic, attributional); contrastive analysis of Western and non-Western cultural systems (interactional etiquette, discourse rules). Course Information: Same as COMM 506.

LING 531. Grammar for TESOL. 4 hours.

Introduction and study of major grammatical structures and patterns as they relate to instruction in English as a second language, with a focus on both prescriptive standards and how language is used in authentic communication.

LING 551. Research Practicum in Sociolinguistics. 4 hours.

Strategies and methods for studying language use in communities: participant-observation, interviewing, elicitation, using public-domain data, note-taking vs. tape recording, and issues of transcription and ethics. Course Information: Same as SPAN 551. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Prerequisite(s): LING 480; or consent of the instructor.

LING 554. Cogn Psych of Language. 3 hours.

Provides students with a survey of methods, theory and research in language and discourse processing. Course Information: Same as COMM 554 and PSCH 554. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing or consent of the instructor.

LING 556. Second Language Learning. 4 hours.

An introduction to research findings and methods in second language learning. Course Information: Same as SPAN 556. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

LING 558. Seminar in Applied Linguistics. 4 hours.

Advanced study in applied linguistics. Topics vary. Course Information: Same as LCSL 558. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours of credit, if topics vary. Prerequisite(s): LING 483 or CI 483 or FR 448 or GER 448 or SPAN 448; or FR 449 or GER 449 or SPAN 449; or consent of the instructor or LCSL 502 (or the equivalent).

LING 559. Seminar in Linguistics. 4 hours.

Advanced study in descriptive or theoretical linguistics. Topics vary. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): LING 405; or consent of the instructor.

LING 582. Qualitative Methods in Communication. 4 hours.

Qualitative methods course analyzing language and culture patterns. Course Information: Same as COMM 580. Prerequisite(s): COMM 501 or consent of the instructor.

LING 583. Materials and Curriculum Development in Second Language Teaching. 4 hours.

Focuses on students' development of a systematic understanding and practical knowledge of materials and curriculum development for second language instruction. Course Information: Same as LCSL 583. Prerequisite(s): LING 483.

LING 586. Second Language Assessment. 4 hours.

Theory and practice in the creation and evaluation of tests in the second language classroom. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): LING 483 or LCSL 502; and graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

LING 593. Preparation for Practicum in TESOL. 2 hours.

Observation of English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction. Peer teaching and discussion. Individual work with ESL students. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): LING 483 or LING 531; or consent of the instructor and credit or concurrent registration in LING 583.

LING 594. Practicum in TESOL. 9 hours.

Practical experience in the teaching of English as a second language under the supervision of an experienced teacher in an actual classroom, or another practical experience under the supervision of an experienced professional. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): LING 593 and consent of the instructor.

LING 596. Independent Study in Linguistics. 1-6 hours.

Students are assigned to this course at the discretion of the department. Independent study and research on a topic other than that approved for a graduate thesis. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor and approval of the head of the department.

LING 597. Research in Linguistics. 0-16 hours.

Independent research in linguistics. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated with approval. Approval to repeat course granted by the department. A maximum of 4 hours of credit may be applied toward the M.A. in Linguistics degree. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor and the director of graduate studies. Open only to degree candidates.

LING 598. Master's Thesis Research. 0-16 hours.

Students engaged in thesis research and writing are assigned to this course at the discretion of the department. Independent research on a topic approved for a graduate thesis. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the thesis supervisor and approval of the head of the department. Open only to degree candidates.