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.
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: 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.