MA in Linguistics

Admission Requirements

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

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. The program will accept and review applications for the fall semester only. Transcripts for all undergraduate work must be uploaded along with all other requirements.

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/ling/ma%20http://lcsl.uic.edu/linguistics/ma-in-linguistics-tesol) (for details, please consult the department website).

- **Baccalaureate Field** No restrictions. Prior academic work should include the equivalent of at least two years of a foreign language and a broad background in the humanities and social or natural sciences. Applicants may offer backgrounds in education rather than in the liberal arts.

- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study.

- **Minimum English Competency Score**
  - TOEFL 95, with minimum subscores of Reading 24, Listening 24, Speaking 24, and Writing 22 (iBT Internet-based TOEFL);
  - 60, with subscores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (New Paper-Based—after August 2018);
  - 600 (Institutional Testing Paper-Based—prior to August 2018), OR,
  - IELTS 7.0, with subscores of 6.5 for all four subscores, OR,
  - PTE-Academic 54, with subscores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.

- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required. Letters must be from professors who are familiar with the applicant’s recent work. Those with teaching experience may submit letters from their supervisors.

- **Personal Statement** Required; 250 words; the statement should address the applicant’s reasons for wishing to do graduate work in linguistics and the relationship of this work to the applicant’s professional and other goals. Applicants who are not native speakers of English must submit a four- to five-page summary of their educational experience, emphasizing work in English and other literatures and languages and concluding with a statement of reasons for wanting to do graduate work in the United States; this replaces the 250-word statement required of other applicants.

- **Nondegree Applicants** Nondegree applicants must submit a transcript from their baccalaureate institution.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** Varies by option. TESOL/ Applied Linguistics with thesis, 44 and TESOL/Applied Linguistics with practicum, 47.

- **Course Work** At least 12 hours must be at the 500-level.

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Selective Courses A

Select two of the following:

- LING 440 Language and Gender
- LING 480 Sociolinguistics
- LING 556 Second Language Learning
- LING 559 Seminar in Linguistics
- LCSL 567 Discourse Analysis

Selective Courses B

Select two of the following:

- LING 487 Computer Assisted Language Learning
- LING 558 Seminar in Applied Linguistics
- LING 586 Second Language Assessment
- ENGL 482 Campus Writing Consultants
- ENGL 555 Teaching College Writing

Electives

One additional course from selective list A or B, or related course, to be approved by an advisor.

- **Comprehensive Examination** Required; written. Students cannot take the examination more than twice.

- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Students must complete either a thesis or a practicum. Students must obtain departmental approval before undertaking a thesis. Students must earn 8 hours of LING 598 for thesis research or 2 hours of LING 593 and 9 hours of LING 594 for a practicum.

Interdepartmental Concentrations

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- Gender and Women's Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/gws-conc)