Linguistics

Linguistics Program
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Minimum Requirements for Degree: B.A.: 120 credits; M.A.: 30 credits

Linguistics is the scientific 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 undergraduate degree program seeks to give an overview of the discipline to raise students’ awareness of the many aspects of that uniquely human phenomenon, language.

The M.A. degree in applied Linguistics focuses on language teaching and materials development. 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 teach Alaska Native languages, English as a second language, or foreign languages. 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.

**M.A. in Applied Linguistics.**

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

MAJOR

Linguistics—B.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 28).
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements (page 33).
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:
   a. Complete the following background-related requirements:**
      - Foreign or Native language (4 semesters or equivalent) and a second
        language (2 semesters).*** ........................................ 12-16
      - LING 101—Nature of Language ................................. 3
   b. Complete the following:*?
      - ENGL 318—Modern English Grammar ................................. 3
      - LING 318—Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology .......... 3
      - LING 320—Introduction to Syntax and Morphology ............ 3
      - LING 430—Historical Linguistics (3)
        or LING 420—Semantics (3) ...................................... 3
      - LING 482—Seminar in Linguistics .............................. 3

   c. Complete 6 of the following:*?
      - ANL 251—Introduction to Athabaskan Linguistics ............ 3
      - ANL 315—Alaska Native Languages: Eskimo-Aleut .......... 3
      - ANL 316—Alaska Native Languages: Indian Languages .... 3
      - ANS 320W—Language and Culture: Applications of Alaska.. 3
      - ANTH/WMS 308W,O—Language and Gender .................... 3
      - COMM 320—Communication and Language ...................... 3
      - ENGL 462—Applied English Linguistics .......................... 3
      - ENGL 472—History of the English Language ...................... 3
      - LING 216—Languages of the World ............................... 3
      - LING/ED 303W,O—Language Acquisition ......................... 3
      - LING 340W—Aspects of Bilingualism ............................ 3
      - LING 402—Second Language Acquisition ....................... 3
      - LING 410O—Theory and Methods of Second Language Teaching. 3
      - LING 431—Field Methods in Descriptive Linguistics ....... 3
      - LING 430O—Language, Policy and Planning ................... 3
      - LING 450O—Language, Policy and Planning ................... 3

   4. Minimum credits required ........................................... 120

MINOR

1. Complete LING electives.*** .............................................. 15
2. Minimum credits required ............................................... 15

3. **Where appropriate, these courses may be counted toward fulfillment of core requirements or B.A. degree requirements, but not both.
4. *** It is recommended that at least one of the languages be other than an Indo-European language.
5. **** Three of these credits may be from related courses in other departments listed in the linguistics major under 3c.

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Applied Linguistics—M.A. Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements (page 43).
2. Complete the master’s degree requirements (page 46).
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 652—Linguistic Applications ............................... 3
   - LING 660—Internship ............................................. 3
   - Complete elective credits at the 600-level.** .................... 6-9

   4. Complete one of the following:
      - LING 698—Applied Language Project (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, 650, or 400-level foreign language course.