

LINGUISTICS, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics

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Admission

Applicants to the MATESL and PhD programs in Linguistics must have completed a bachelor's degree.

For the PhD program in Linguistics, undergraduate preparation should include the study of at least one foreign language; a course equivalent to LING 400 on this campus; and a broad background in the humanities, social sciences, or mathematics.

For the MATESL program, an undergraduate major in linguistics, English, a foreign language, or education is generally recommended, though other majors are also acceptable. Applicants must present a grade point average of at least 3.0 (A = 4.0) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. Two years of coursework in a foreign language or the equivalent are also required.

Students may be admitted to the PhD program in Linguistics with or without a prior master's degree in linguistics or a related field. Depending on the student's prior preparation, they may be admitted either into Stage 1 of the PhD or into Stage 2 of the PhD. Students who have completed a master's degree in linguistics or a closely related field may be considered for admission to Stage 2 of the PhD program. Students without an approved prior master's degree will only be considered for admission to Stage 1 of the PhD program. Students admitted to Stage 1 must complete 40 credit hours in the areas listed on the department website, maintain a GPA of 3.5 or better in all core courses, and earn a grade of High Pass on the qualifying examination in order to advance to Stage 2. Students who are admitted directly to Stage 2, but lack any of the core courses required for Stage 1, must complete Stage 1 requirements immediately on entry into the program; the courses will not count toward the 64 hours required for Stage 2 of the PhD.

Applicants to all Linguistics graduate programs should apply online (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/linguistics-ma/www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>) and submit a statement of purpose, three letters of recommendation and a writing sample of 10-20 pages in length. Original transcripts (with English translations if applicable) showing all undergraduate and graduate work completed should be sent to:

SLCL Graduate Student Services
3070 Foreign Languages Bldg.
707 S. Mathews Ave.
Urbana, IL 61801

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are optional. The applicant should ask the ETS to submit scores to institution 1836. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and must score at least 88 (100 preferred) on the internet-based test (iBT); they must also pass the speaking sub-section of the iBT with a minimum score of 24 (see www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/instructions/04c). Applications are

accepted for fall admission only. Application questions may be directed to SLCL Graduate Student Services (slclgradservices@illinois.edu).

Financial Aid

The Linguistics department aims to provide financial aid for all graduate students in the Ph.D. program in Linguistics for up to five years, in the form of fellowships, teaching assistantships, research assistantships, or departmental assistantships. To hold a teaching assistantship non-native English speakers must first pass a test of their oral English ability (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/linguistics-ma/www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/taengprof.htm>). Some students receive aid through other units in the University. New applicants receive automatic consideration for financial aid within the department, including teaching assistantships for the non-Western languages taught in its programs. For details and applications, write to the above address.

For students in the MATESL program, financial assistance is offered to as many qualified applicants as possible, but cannot be awarded to all. A record of extensive experience in teaching English as a second language enhances a candidate's chance of receiving financial assistance during one's first semester. A limited number of University fellowships are available for exceptionally qualified candidates. Teaching assistants (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/linguistics-ma/www.grad.illinois.edu/Admissions/instructions/04c/>) teach students in the Division's ESL program and in the Intensive English Institute.

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Stage 1

(Entering WITHOUT an approved Master's. Students are not admitted to the MA program directly. When Stage 1 of the doctoral program is completed doctoral students may earn the MA.)

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses (minimum GPA 3.5 required):		20
Select one course each from two of the following four areas, for a total of two courses (8 hours): (a) sociolinguistics; (b) computational linguistics; (c) psycholinguistics/acquisition; (d) second language studies/applied linguistics		
LING 501	Syntax I	
LING 502	Phonology I	
LING 507	Formal Semantics I	
One course in quantitative and/or qualitative research methods		4
LING 590	Special Topics in Linguistics	2
LING 504	Practicum	2
Elective Courses		12
Total Hours	Master's - Stage 1	40

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required	16
Overall:	
Stage 1 qualifying paper and examination, with a grade of High Pass	
Language Requirement: Students must have proficiency in one language other than their native tongue.	
Minimum GPA:	3.0

Stage 2**(Entering the PhD Program WITH an approved Master's degree)**

Code	Title	Hours
	One upper-level course in Syntax, Phonology, or Semantics	4
	One upper-level course in one of the following areas: sociolinguistics, computational linguistics, psycholinguistics/acquisition, or second language studies/applied linguistics	4
	Elective courses reflecting the student's interests and professional goals, selected in consultation with advisor	12
	Research/Project/Independent Study Hours:	12
LING 599	Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree)	32
Total Hours	Stage 2 only	64
Code	Title	Hours
Total Hours	PhD (Stage 1 & 2)	104

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Stage 2 qualifying paper and examination	
Language Requirement: Students must demonstrate knowledge of the structure of a language that is not their native tongue nor the same language that satisfied the foreign language requirement for the MA degree	
One of the languages with which the student is familiar (this may be the student's native language, or the language used to satisfy one of the language requirements) is a non-European or a non-Indo-European language.	
Minimum GPA:	3.0
Master's Degree Required for Admission to PhD?	Yes
Qualifying Exam Required:	Yes
Preliminary Exam Required:	Yes

Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required: Yes

Dissertation Deposit Required: Yes

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1. Students will receive grounding in core areas of language and linguistics.
2. Students will receive grounding in their area of linguistic specialization.
3. Students will learn the research methodology appropriate for their subfield of linguistics.
4. Students will gain academic oral communication and presentation skills.
5. Students will gain academic writing skills.
6. Students will learn to prepare a portfolio for the job market.

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Graduate Degree Programs in Linguistics

(Including African Languages [Bamana, Lingala, Swahili, Wolof, and Zulu], Arabic, Hindi-Urdu, Modern Greek, Persian, Sanskrit, and Turkish)

- Linguistics, MA (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/linguistics-ma/>)
- Teaching of English as a Second Language, MA (MATESL) (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/teaching-english-second-language-ma/>)
- Linguistics, PhD (p. 1)
- optional concentrations:
 - Romance Linguistics (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/romance-linguistics/>)
 - Second Language Acquisition & Teacher Education (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/second-language-acquisition-teacher-education/>)

The Department of Linguistics offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language, and Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics. Students are not normally admitted to a terminal master's in Linguistics degree program. More detailed information on departmental programs, offerings, admission, degree requirements, and financial aid, may be found at: www.linguistics.illinois.edu (<http://www.linguistics.illinois.edu>).

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Linguistics Department

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Linguistics Department website (<https://linguistics.illinois.edu/>)

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(217) 333-3563

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College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences website (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)

Admissions

Graduate College Admissions & Requirements (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)