

# MASTERS IN LINGUISTICS

Linguistics

Linguistics - Teaching English  
as a Second Language Option



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## LINGUISTICS

Linguistics is the study of the human capacity for language. Language is the defining characteristic of the human species; without language, there would be no civilization, no culture, no scientific or technological development, none of the achievements and capabilities distinctive to the human species. Therefore, the study of the nature of language is fundamental to the understanding of what it means to be human. Students and faculty in linguistics investigate the nature of human language, its structure, diversity, universality, acquisition by children and adults, historical change, and its use in society. They study how language is processed in the human mind/brain, and how it relates to other human cognitive faculties. And they study and develop applications of linguistics to teaching, technology, and many other fields. Our degrees and programs develop intellectual skills that are essential to professional careers or advanced degrees.

## REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts degree program in Linguistics assumes a baccalaureate degree major in an appropriate field and at least three upper-division courses in linguistics as prerequisites. Graduate students are required to complete at least 30 units of courses with a minimum of 21 units of graduate level courses, and to pass a comprehensive examination or complete a thesis.

**The requirements for admission to the program are the following:**

Bachelors degree

GPA: 2.9 or above

GRE is not required

2 Letters of recommendation

Statement of intent (about 300-400 word)

Have your recommendation letters and your statement of intent sent directly to the Linguistics graduate advisor - all other official documents should be sent to the admissions office as instructed in the online application.

**Additional requirements for international students.**

TOEFL: 550 (paper), 213 (computer), 80 (internet based) or IELTS: 6.5 (overall)

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