Twin Cities Campus

Linguistics M.A.

Linguistics, Institute of

College of Liberal Arts

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Contact Information:

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- Length of program in credits: 32 to 36
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Linguistics is the scientific study of human language. Investigation in phonology, syntax, and semantics/pragmatics seeks to determine general principles governing the structure and use of human language and the parameters that determine degree and manner of variation across languages. These core areas constitute the foundation for other subfields of linguistics, including psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, computational linguistics, and neurolinguistics.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

There are no specific prerequisites for admission. Students admitted normally have a broad undergraduate background that includes some linguistics courses.

Special Application Requirements:

Applicants must submit the following application materials by December 15 of the preceding academic year:

(i)University of Minnesota Application form;
(ii)a statement of purpose;
(iii)a writing sample;
(iv)three letters of recommendation;
(v)a supplementary questionnaire;
(vi)transcripts from each college or university attended;
(vii)GRE scores;
(viii)English Language Proficiency Scores (TOEFL, MELAB or IELTS) are required of international applicants.

Entry is for fall semester but may be permitted in other semesters in exceptional cases.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
- IELTS
- MELAB

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan A: Plan A requires 20 major credits, 6 credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits.The final exam is oral.

Plan B: Plan B requires 26 major credits and 6 credits outside the major.The final exam is oral. A capstone project is required.
Capstone Project: The Plan B project is an original paper usually a revision of a course project.

This program may not be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Language Requirement: See other requirements (below)

Students must demonstrate competence (the equivalent of two or more years of study) in one language other than their native language.

Required Courses
  LING 5001 - Introduction to Linguistics (4.0 cr)
  LING 5201 - Syntactic Theory I (3.0 cr)
  LING 5202 - Syntactic Theory II (3.0 cr)
  LING 5205 - Semantics (3.0 cr)
  LING 5302 - Phonological Theory I (3.0 cr)
  LING 8105 - Field Methods in Linguistics I (4.0 cr)

Outside Coursework
  Take 6 credits outside the major.

Plan Options

Plan A
 Thesis Credits
  Take 10 or more credit(s) from the following:
  •LING 8777 - Thesis Credits: Master's (1.0 - 18.0 cr)

   -OR-

Plan B
  LING 8005 - Research Paper Workshop (3.0 cr)
 Linguistics Electives
  Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:
  •LING 5xxx
  •LING 8xxx