



Twin Cities Campus
Linguistics M.A.
Linguistics, Institute of
College of Liberal Arts

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2019
- 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.

Our program's goal is to train students in the scientific study of the human mental capacity for language. Successful study in this area investigates the syntactic, phonological and semantic/pragmatic properties of the language systems that humans naturally acquire, and asks what kinds of underlying mental capacity is implicated by these properties.

Our program emphasizes the place of this field of study among the cognitive sciences, and provides coursework and individual advising to prepare students to engage with and produce research in the field.

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.

Special Application Requirements:

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

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

Entry is for fall semester.

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 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 English.

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