

# Master of Arts in Linguistics

The Master of Arts degree in linguistics provides post-baccalaureate instruction in current linguistic theory or linguistics applied to teaching English to nonnative speakers. The degree is intended to accommodate students who have done previous work in linguistics, as well as those who have had little exposure to the subject.

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# MA

## LINGUISTICS

- The MA in Linguistics is a 36-credit program.
- Students are able to choose an area of specialization, including:
  - Linguistic Theory
  - Teaching English as a Second Language
- Other specializations may be developed in consultation with the graduate advisor.

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## Linguistics

The Master of Arts degree in linguistics will be awarded to the student who earns 36 credits in nine courses as specified below. A minimum GPA of 2.5 in each course and an overall minimum GPA of 3.00 are required for the M.A. degree.

### Areas of Specialization

Upon admission to candidacy, the student will choose an area of specialization, either linguistic theory or teaching English as a Second Language. Non-native speakers of English who wish to specialize in teaching English as a Second Language must satisfactorily complete an oral and written examination in English. Other specializations may be developed in consultation with the graduate advisor. At least 16 credits (four courses) of work must be in the area of specialization.

### General Requirements

1. Nine courses (36 credits)
2. No more than 8 credits in courses from other departments.
3. No more than 8 credits in 400-level LIN or ALS courses.
4. Either (a) two years of foreign language study, or (b) one year of foreign language study in LIN 609; in either case, demonstrated first year proficiency in at least one foreign language is required. First year proficiency can be demonstrated by satisfactory completion of a foreign language course at the 115-level.

### Degree Requirements

All students must complete LIN 503 (Introduction to Phonology) and LIN 504 (Introduction to Syntax). All students must also complete LIN 680 (Seminar in Linguistics) or LIN 690 (the Master's Thesis). The requirements for LIN 690 will be a thesis of considerable detail in which students must present the results of their independent research. LIN 690 may be elected only with departmental approval. All theses/dissertations must conform to university standards (see "Master's thesis and doctoral dissertation" in the Policies and Procedures section of the Graduate catalog).

When graduate courses are cross listed with undergraduate courses, graduate students will be required to complete additional work at the graduate level, usually an essay or a project decided in conjunction with the professor.

### Need for an MA in Linguistics

A linguistics degree is an extremely marketable degree, whether your goal is to pursue further education in graduate school or to join the workforce immediately. Our website: <http://www.lin.oakland.edu/careers.html> shows you the type of careers that graduates of our program now work in. The skills that the study of linguistics enhance are particularly sought by today's employers.

### Application Process

Applications are currently being accepted for the MA in Linguistics Program. Admission is selective.

Apply on-line to Oakland University's Graduate School: [www.oakland.edu/grad/](http://www.oakland.edu/grad/)

Once Graduate Admissions and Student Services receive all necessary materials, application files are forwarded to the Linguistics Department for faculty review. Recommendations are made to Graduate Admissions and Student Services where a final decision on the application for admission is made. Applicants are then notified.

### Application Deadline

Application deadlines vary by program as well as by semester.

Go to: <http://www2.oakland.edu/grad/grad2/pages.cfm?hi=25&mi=209&ID=98> for additional information regarding deadlines.

### More information

Go to: <http://www.lin.oakland.edu/MAprogram.html>

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