Linguistics, MA

Related Certificates

- Adult/University-Level TESOL Graduate Certificate (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/adult-university-level-tesol-certificate)

Overview

The Department of Linguistics offers master’s and doctoral degrees and a graduate certificate in Adult/University-Level Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines).

Admission

An applicant must meet Graduate School requirements (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission) plus these departmental requirements to be considered for admission to the program:

1. Undergraduate major in linguistics or related field (e.g., languages, psychology, anthropology, philosophy).
2. Undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale).
3. Three letters of recommendation to the Department’s Director of Graduate Studies from persons familiar with applicant’s academic ability and achievement.
4. A sample of academic writing.
5. Though not required, submission of scores on the Graduate Record Examination (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre) may enhance the application.

Applicants may be admitted with course deficiencies provided that the deficiencies amount to no more than two courses.

The student is expected to satisfy deficiency requirements within three enrolled semesters. The deficiencies are monitored by the Graduate School and the individual graduate program unit. No course credits earned in making up deficiencies may be counted as program credits required for the degree. Applicants should contact the Linguistics Department office for additional information and deadlines.

Credits and Courses

Students admitted to the master’s program earn the degree by completing a minimum of 30 credits of graduate coursework, submitting a final project, and passing an oral examination on the final project. Students who demonstrate a capacity for doctoral work and wish to earn a PhD at UWM are advised to proceed as rapidly as possible to doctoral study.

Students who express intent to go on for the PhD are evaluated by the MA Examining Committee regarding their qualifications for further

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graduate study at the doctoral level. The Committee Chair puts the Committee's recommendation in writing and places it in the student's academic file.

5. Students who fail the oral examination may be required to revise their final project, retake the examination, or both. The oral examination may be retaken only once. Students must register for 1-3 credits when revising the final project after a failed examination; however, the additional credit(s) may not count toward the 30 credits required for the degree.

**Time Limit**
The student must complete all degree requirements within five years of initial enrollment.