The MA in Linguistics requires 30 graduate credits, including:

- Introduction to Second Language Acquisition
  - LINGUIS 720
- Introduction to Phonetics
  - LINGUIS 750
- Semantics
  - LINGUIS 755
- Introduction to Phonology
  - LINGUIS 751
- Introduction to Syntax
  - LINGUIS 764
- Language in its Various Forms:
  - LINGUIS 768
  - or LINGUIS 770

Electives
Select 12 elective credits distributed among 400- to 800-level courses in linguistics and related fields as approved by the student's major professor.

Total Credits 30

Students who completed any of the required courses as undergraduates will substitute another course selected in consultation with their major professor.

### Additional Requirements

**Major Professor as Advisor**

The student must have a Major Professor to advise and supervise the student's work as specified in Graduate School regulations. The director of graduate studies serves as an initial advisor. It is recommended that the student have a permanent advisor by the end of the second semester of enrollment.

**Final Project**

A research paper or other project appropriate to the student's professional goals, to be defended in an individualized oral examination.

- Final project. The project is a research paper on a topic chosen in consultation with the student’s advisor; for students specializing in Teaching ESL to Adult Learners, the project may take some other form as approved by the major professor.
- Oral examination. The oral examination, usually lasting an hour and a half, focuses on the final project but also covers other elements of the student's program of study.

Regulations concerning final projects and oral examinations

1. Students should consult with their advisors before completing 24 credits in order to determine a final project. Ordinarily, this is a revised and expanded course or seminar paper of at least 30 pages. The project should demonstrate the student's skills in research, analysis and argumentation. For students specializing in Teaching ESL to Adult Learners, the project may consist of documentation of the outcome of a pedagogical investigation undertaken during the student's internship. The project serves both as a concluding effort at the master's level and as an indication of the student's potential for doctoral study.

2. In consultation with the student, the Director of Graduate Studies appoints an MA Examining Committee. At least two of the three members must be Linguistics Department faculty members. The MA Examining Committee administers the final Oral Examination.

3. The project must be submitted and the oral examination completed within one year after the completion of 24 credits. Students should remember that a maximum of 30 credits at the master's level is applicable to the PhD 54 credit requirement.

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