

Linguistics, M.A.

Degree Requirements

- **Credit Hours:** Students are required to complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at the graduate level. No more than 12 hours of coursework done at the 400 level will be counted toward the degree.
- **Grade Point Average:** Students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in courses applied to the degree.
- **Graduation Requirement:** In addition to completing 30 hours of coursework, students must pass comprehensive examinations or successfully defend a thesis.
 - **Comprehensive Examinations:** The comprehensive examinations are intended to evaluate students' knowledge, including the ability to synthesize and evaluate ideas in their area of emphasis. The examinations are based on standardized reading lists and coursework.
 - **Thesis:** A student may request to write a thesis and prepare an oral defense. For more information about this option, see the document "Thesis Guidelines (https://worldlanguages.wvu.edu/files/d/433511fa-1ec2-448a-8e79-2980e865ed8a/thesis_guidelines-rev10-17.pdf)."
- **Benchmarks:** For details, go to the Linguistics Degree Progress tab (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/eberlycollegeofartsandsciences/foreignlanguages/linguistics/#degreeprogress>)
- **Additional Requirements:**
 - Students must satisfy the foreign language requirement by the time they graduate:
 - Students in the major in Linguistics who are native speakers of English must demonstrate proficiency in a second language prior to graduation by completing one language course of level 204 or above, with a grade of B or better, or by taking the departmental placement examination in one language and placing above the 204-level.
 - International students whose native language is not English are considered to have satisfied this requirement by virtue of their TOEFL or IELTS score.

M.A. Major in Linguistics Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
CORE COURSES:		24
LING 411	Phonology	
LING 412	Syntax	
LING 610	Methods of Research	
LING 611	Advanced Phonology	
LING 612	Advanced Syntax	
Select 3 courses from the following list:		
LING 402	Structure of Modern French	
LING 501	Structure of Spanish	
LING 513	History of Linguistics	
LING 514	Sociolinguistics	
LING 516	Discourse Analysis	
LING 517	Cognitive Foundations of Language	
LING 616	Language Typology	
LING 614	Psycholinguistics	
LING 620	Spanish Prosody	
ELECTIVES:		6
Select 2 courses from the following list:		
ESL 630	American Culture	
LANG 421	The Teaching of Foreign Languages	
LANG 422	Second Language Reading	
LANG 521	English as a Second Language Methods	
LANG 621	Teaching Foreign Language in College	
LANG 622	English as a Second Language Theory	
LANG 624	Second Language Writing	
LANG 625	Language Assessment	
LANG 626	Literacy in a Second Language	
LING 511	English as a Second Language Linguistics	

LING 512	Applied Linguistics
LING 613	English as a Second Language Phonetics
LING 697	Research (up to 6 credits) *
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Total Hours	30

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No more than six hours of thesis credits (697) can be applied to the degree.

Major Learning Outcomes

LINGUISTICS

Upon completion of the M.A. in Linguistics, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of cognitive foundations of language.
- Explain the concepts of syntactic and phonological theory.
- Analyze relevant linguistic data by using the tools of syntactic theory and argue for the appropriateness of the analyses.
- Provide informed descriptions of phonetic and phonological data.
- Apply phonetic, phonological, and syntactic knowledge to the study of language in use.
- Describe languages in terms of their structural characteristics.
- Communicate the results of research in the field in oral and written formats.