

# Linguistics, M.A.

## DEPARTMENT

MN in Linguistics, Minor  
MA in Linguistics, M.A.  
BA in Linguistics - Computational Linguistics Option, B.A.  
MN in Computational Linguistics, Minor  
BA in Linguistics - General Linguistics Option, B.A.  
MN in Chinese, Minor  
BA in Linguistics - Interdisciplinary Language Studies Option, B.A.  
MN in Hmong, Minor  
MN in Teaching English As A Second Language, Minor  
BA in Linguistics - TESOL / SLAT (Second Language Acquisition & Teaching) Option, B.A.  
MA in Linguistics - TESOL / SLAT (Second Language Acquisition & Teaching) Option, M.A.  
BS in Cognitive Science, B.S.  
MN in Cognitive Science, Minor  
MN in Japanese, Minor  
CERT in Linguistics - TESOL/SLAT (Second Language Acquisition & Teaching), Certificate of Adv. Study

## REQUIREMENTS

Department of Linguistics

### Graduate Program

The Department of Linguistics offers an M.A. in Linguistics with an option in General Linguistics and an option in Teaching English as a Second Language. At California State University, Fresno, students may also get a Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Computational Linguistics or Cognitive Science. Department faculty will assist students in planning such a program. For specific requirements, see Degree Requirements below; for general requirements see Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

The Master of Arts degree program in Linguistics assumes a baccalaureate degree major in an appropriate field and at least three upper-division courses in linguistics as prerequisites. Graduate students are required to complete at least 30 units of courses with a minimum of 21 units of graduate level courses, and to pass a comprehensive examination or complete a thesis.

**Graduate Level Writing Competence.** Students who are conditionally classified may be required to take the Undergraduate Writing Exam as a condition for classification. California State University, Fresno requires that students have graduate level writing abilities before being advanced to candidacy for the M.A. Students demonstrate these abilities by passing the Qualifying Examination.

**Qualifying Examination.** The Department of Linguistics requires that students pass a qualifying examination on general linguistics before being advanced to candidacy for the M.A. The examination consists of essay questions on linguistic topics and is given once each semester. A student who does not pass on the first attempt may petition to receive a second opportunity, but this will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances.

(See also Admission to Graduate Standing, Advancement to Candidacy, and Program Requirements.)

### Master of Arts Degree Requirements

Students who do not already have a sufficient background in linguistics need to take upper-division linguistics courses to attain classified standing in the department. These include LING 100, 139, 142, 143, 148, 165, (all students) and 141 and 171I (TESL students).

The graduate program consists of at least 30 units, 21 of which must be 200-level courses. Note the following requirements:

#### Linguistics

Core: LING 239, 242, 243, 248, 265 (15 units)

Required: LING 249 (3 units)

Electives: (6-12 units) Two to four additional courses, depending upon chosen culminating experience.

Highly recommended electives are LING 151 and LING 145 and LING 165. Highly recommended electives for TESL students are LING 132 and 148.

Upon examination of the student's record other courses will be specified to produce a coherent program.

## **FACULTY**

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.