

San Diego State University
Department of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages
Master's in General Linguistics
Degree Requirements

Pre-requisites:

- LING 501 Fundamentals of Linguistics
This course is a prerequisite to almost every graduate course we offer. Students who did not major or minor in Linguistics should take 501 during their first semester in the MA program. Students who majored or minored in Linguistics are waived from this requirement.
- Most 600-level courses require completion of undergraduate courses in phonology, syntax, and/or semantics. Students should take these courses at SDSU if not taken as undergraduate coursework.

A. Two Core Courses in Linguistics

LING 503 Functions of Language

And **one** of the following:

LING 502 Language in Mind and Society
LING 551 Sociolinguistics
LING 552 Psycholinguistics

B. One course chosen from the following:

LING 621 Advanced English Phonology
LING 622 Discourse and Syntax

C. Two Specialization Courses chosen from the following:

LING 610 Topics in Historical Linguistics
LING 620 Advanced Formal Syntax
LING 626 Pragmatics
LING 640 Field Methods in Linguistics
LING 651 Sociology of Language
LING 660 History of Linguistics
LING 696 Special Topics

D. Seminar in General or Computational Linguistics (only offered in fall)

LING 795 Seminar

E. Open electives needed to fill a 30-unit degree program

F. Completion of M.A. Comprehensive Exams (Plan B) or a thesis (Plan A)

Students who choose a thesis must enroll in LING 799A, usually in the last semester of the program.

G. Completion of the Department's Foreign Language Requirement

Students must take the equivalent of 3 semesters (or 4 quarters) of the same FL and earn a grade of B or higher in the 3rd semester (or 4th quarter). Undergraduate coursework satisfies the requirement.

Keep in mind the following:

1. Courses are 3 units each and 30 units (10 courses) are needed to complete the MA program.
2. At least 15 of the 30 required units must consist of 600- and 700-level courses.
3. 400-level courses do not count toward the M.A. degree.
4. Graduate-level linguistics courses are not offered during the summer.