

2010-2011 Linguistics Advising Sheet

Overview

The master's degree program in English with a concentration in linguistics is theoretically oriented and provides a solid foundation in the major subfields of linguistics: phonology, syntax, and semantics.

- Additional information on this concentration, courses, and graduate student policies is available in the MA in English Student Handbook.
- More information on this and other Linguistics programs may be found at linguistics.gmu.edu.

Planning Your Course of Study

You must complete 30 credit hours of course work in this program. Consult the Schedule of Classes each term to see which courses in literature are offered. Consult the University Catalog for a complete listing of English courses.

Course work **must** be distributed as outlined below; courses can qualify in more than one area.

Linguistics Courses (18 credit hours required)

- LING 690: Generative Phonology
- LING 691: Theories of Language (Prerequisite: LING 326/520, 690, or 786; or permission of instructor)
- LING 692: Phonology II (Prerequisite: LING 690)
- LING 785: Semantics and Pragmatics (Prerequisite: LING 326/520, 690, 786; or permission of instructor)
- LING 786: Syntax I
- LING 787: Syntax II (Prerequisite: Syntax I)

Elective Courses (12 credit hours required)

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Electives should be chosen with the help of the advisor. Electives can also be 12 of the 15 credit hours required for the TESL Certificate, see also TESL advising sheet).

Please note: Students concurrently earning an MA in English: Linguistics and a TESL Certificate will minimally need to complete 33 credit hours.

Thesis Option (6 credit hours required)

In lieu of four electives, students may complete two electives and a six credit hour thesis. Students who choose this option should replace two electives with ENGL 799.

Language Requirement

Intermediate proficiency in a foreign language

Intermediate proficiency corresponds to Mason's coursework through the 202 or 210 level. Generally speaking, this level represents four consecutive semesters in a given language (e.g. French 101, 102, 201, and 202), although the number of courses varies depending on the university at which they are taken. (Mason students can meet the requirement by taking a three semester series with 6 hours of 110 and 3 hours of 210).

Students may satisfy this requirement in one of the following ways:

- Confirm that your undergraduate (or continuing education) transcript includes courses corresponding to intermediate proficiency. If you completed your undergraduate training at Mason, you have fulfilled the language requirement for the MA.
- Take a proficiency exam administered by the English Department if your language proficiency is German, Russian, French, or Spanish and you cannot confirm study via your transcript. Contact the graduate programs manager to schedule the exam.
- Take a proficiency exam administered in the Modern and Classical Languages Department if your proficiency is in a language other than German, Russian, French, or Spanish. Contact MCL to determine whether appropriate exams are administered.
- Take courses at Mason or elsewhere through the intermediate level. Make sure that the intermediate level elsewhere corresponds to that at Mason.

Please contact the graduate programs manager soon after enrolling to determine how you will meet the language proficiency requirement. The graduate programs manager can be reached at 703-993-1180.