UNT Linguistics is supported by an active linguistics research community with ties across campus and with local, national, and international communities. Our faculty engage in national and international collaborative research in computational linguistics, language variation, language documentation, and language acquisition and teaching.
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our MA program serves as an excellent foundation for doctoral studies in Linguistics and other language-related fields such as speech pathology, deaf education, audiology, or the teaching of English as a second language. Required courses for the TESOL Certificate can be counted towards the MA in Linguistics and the MA in ESL.

- **Language Teaching**
- **Education & Educational Research**
- **Translation/Interpretation**
- **Teach English as a Second Language (ESL)**
- **Teach a foreign language**
- **Teaching at the University Level**
- **Work in the publishing industry, as a technical writer, or as a journalist**
- **Consultant on language in professions such as Law or Medicine**
- **Language Documentation**
- **Fieldwork**
- **Computer Industry (Natural Language Processing, Artificial Intelligence, Search Engines, Etc.)**
- **Testing Agencies**
- **Government (FBI, CIA, Local)**
- **Voice Training**
- **Advertising**
- **Law**
- **Speech and Hearing Science**
- **Curriculum Design**
- **Program Administration**

RESEARCH & PROGRAMS

The strengths of the Department of Linguistics lie in our established MA & TESOL programs and research areas in language variation and change, language documentation, and the linguistic analysis of literature. We also have a new focus on language technology and language data curation. We offer the following degrees:

- **MA in Linguistics**: Offers students broad training in all core areas of discipline.
- **MA in Linguistics with a concentration in Computational Linguistics**
- **MA in Linguistics with a concentration in Digital Language Analysis**
- **MA in English as a Second Language**: Prepares students for careers in teaching English as a second and/or foreign language and language arts instruction for K-12 (with additional certification and coursework from the College of Education).
- **Interdisciplinary MS with a concentration in Computational Linguistics**: Students will develop a deep understanding of how language can be molded and analyzed computationally.

**PhD in Information Science - Linguistics Concentration**: Students pursue a PhD in Information Science with a concentration in Linguistics.

FACULTY

Specializations and Research Interests

**Dr. Shobhana Chelliah**

Language documentation of Meithei, Lamkang; structure and use of English around the world, with special emphasis on the teaching and use of English in the former British colonies

**Katie Crowder**

Specialization in TESOL, introductory linguistics, acquisition of ESL, ESL teacher training, designing/directing language and cultural immersion programs, designing ESL Curriculum with a focus on high-frequency idioms, analyzing the globalization of English, and documenting the influence of media and technology on language change.

**Dr Patricia Cukor-Avila**

Linguistic variation and change, specifically grammatical change over time in African American English; language across the lifespan; linguistic stereotyping and accent discrimination

**Dr. Konstantia Kapetangianni**

Syntactic theory and comparative syntax, especially within Principles & Parameters and Minimalism. More specific interests are description and theoretical analysis of empirical phenomena that lie at the interface of morphology, syntax, and semantics.

**Dr. Sadaf Munshi**

Language documentation of Burushaski (and other South Asian languages); historical and comparative linguistics, language contact

**Dr. Dorian Roehrs**

Morpho-syntax of the Germanic languages; Diachronic Development of the Noun Phrase; Semantics and Pragmatics of the Noun Phrase; Language documentation and analysis of Yiddish

**Dr. William Salmon**

Semantics and Pragmatics, Information Structure, Sociolinguistics, Varieties of English in Texas and the Caribbean

**Dr. Xian Zhang**

Second language acquisition; embodied cognition, language assessment, computer-aided language learning