Why UNT?

The University of North Texas (UNT) is a major public research university committed to advancing educational excellence and preparing students to become thoughtful, engaging citizens of the world. UNT is one of the nation’s largest public universities, the third largest public university in the state of Texas, and the most comprehensive university in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Area.

UNT enrolls more than 40,000 students, including almost 3,000 international students representing more than 120 countries. UNT has the most degree choices in the North Texas region with 113 Bachelor’s, 94 Master’s, and 37 Doctoral Degrees, many of which are nationally and internationally recognized.

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.
Graduate Opportunities

Our Master of Arts degrees in Linguistics and English as a Second Language offer broad training in all core areas of the discipline and prepare you for challenging careers in a variety of industries, including:

- Bioinformatics
- Education
- Government
- Law
- Natural language processing

Our M.A. programs also serve 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.

The M.A. in ESL specifically prepares students for careers in teaching English as a second language and/or foreign language and language arts instruction for K-12 (with additional certification and coursework from the College of Education).

CNN lists linguistics as the second most overlooked job possibility for new graduates. A degree in Linguistics makes students competitive for jobs in:

- Advertising
- Codes and code-breaking
- Language education
- Law — forensic linguistics
- Marketing
- Speech — language pathology and audiology

Because linguistics provides students with the skills to analyze language, companies such as Microsoft, Google and Apple also are eager to hire students with linguistics degrees.

Degree Requirements
The MA in Linguistics degree is a 36-hour program.

Course requirements include:
12 hours of core courses
24 hours of foundation courses

Students who elect to write a thesis will take 6 hours of thesis LING 5950 in lieu of 6 elective hours.

Core Courses – 12 hours

*LING 5040 - Principles in Linguistics - Needed prerequisite if your degree does not have a background in Linguistics
LING 5070 - Research Design in Linguistics
LING 5075 - Quantitative Research Methods in Linguistics
LING 5300 - Phonology I
LING 5310 - Syntax I
LING 5530 - Semantics and Pragmatics I

Foundation Courses – 24 hours
The eight foundation courses should be decided in consultation with the graduate advisor.

Specializations and Research Interests

**FACULTY**

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