UNT

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION
Department of Linguistics

For Further Information:

Department of Linguistics

940-565-4552

ling-info@unt.edu

Discovery Park, Suite B201

linguistics.unt.edu

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.

UNT | COLLEGE OF INFORMATION
Department of Linguistics

Master of Arts
with a concentration in:

ESL

English as a Second Language

Graduate Opportunities

Our Master of Arts degree in Linguistics, which is a STEM designated program, offers broad training in all core areas of the discipline and prepares 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.

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 5300 - Phonology I
LING 5310 - Syntax I
LING 5530 - Semantics and Pragmatics I

Foundation Courses – 24 hours

Required Foundation Courses:

LING 5060 - Second Language Acquisition
LING 5080 - Teaching English as a Second Language
LING 5090 - Pedagogical English Grammar
LING 5340 - Practicum in Teaching English as a Second Language

The additional foundation courses should be decided in consultation with the graduate advisor.

— FACULTY —
Specializations and Research Interests

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. Frederik Hartmann
Main research interests concern computational and quantitative modeling of linguistic change and language family diversification. I also work in diachronic phonology and linguistic complexity theory.

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