About This Program

The MA in Linguistics is a STEM-designated program that prepares graduates for careers in a variety of industries, including natural language processing (NLP) applications, machine learning, data science, and AI engineering, as well as traditional Linguistics careers in language documentation and archiving, and in general areas such as education, law, and government.

UNT faculty are internationally known for their cutting-edge research and curricula that incorporates research on language structure and use with database design and management, text mining, and computational and quantitative methods in linguistics, and natural language processing.

Details

36 Hour Program
- 12 Hours Core Courses
- 24 Hours Foundation Courses

Admissions Considerations
- Open to students from all majors
- GRE Not Required
- Average GPA of Admitted Students is 3.75

Funding
- Competitive Graduate Assistantships and Scholarships are Available

Marketable Skills
- Language structure analysis
- Analyze language function and use
- Analyze diverse populations’ linguistic behaviors
- Critical thinking
- Formulate solutions to complex issues

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The Linguistics master’s degree program is designed for:

- Students interested in careers in computational linguistics, natural language processing, language documentation and revitalization, linguistic fieldwork, information technology, translation and interpreting, speech pathology, teaching English as a second language, and more.

- Professionals in any field who need to organize and work with large amounts of data, and who need to learn to present information efficiently.

- Students interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Linguistics and entering academia.

Required courses for the MA in Linguistics:

- LING 5070 - Research Design in Linguistics
- LING 5300 - Phonology I
- LING 5310 - Syntax I
- LING 5530 - Semantics and Pragmatics I

Note: If your undergraduate major is not closely related to Linguistics, you will also be required to take LING 5040 Principles of Linguistics in your first semester as a leveling course.

In addition to the required courses (see above), students must take an additional eight courses, in areas such as Computational Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, and Natural Language Processing, in consultation with the graduate advisor.

For full list of courses and other details, please refer to the Program Website: https://linguistics.unt.edu.

Optional Concentrations:

**COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS** develops skills in linguistic analysis that can then be applied to the design of computational systems for automating linguistic analysis for voice enabled devices, predictive input to machine translation technologies. We also offer courses on how computational methods can support the work of documenting endangered languages, which combines department strengths in Language Documentation and Computational Linguistics.

**LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION** focuses on collecting and analyzing linguistic data and on how to preserve it in archives for use in the future. We offer courses on scientifically sound and ethically appropriate data-collection methodologies, gold-standard archiving practices and methods for data mining.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)** 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 course work from the College of Education). It also serves as an excellent foundation for doctoral studies in second language acquisition and ESL.

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