

Linguistic Theory & Typology

College of Arts & Sciences

The MA in Linguistic Theory & Typology (MALTT) offers training by a world class faculty in theoretical frameworks for approaching descriptive, historical, and sociolinguistic data with a special focus on how grammatical features are distributed across the world's languages. Emphasis is given to language modeling and analysis through computational and quantitative methods. In addition to providing invaluable intellectual preparation for doctoral studies in linguistics, the MALTT program prepares students for careers in high-tech industries, text-based consultancies in law and medicine, and jobs in government agencies.

Admission Requirements

We welcome students with a BA/BS major or minor in Linguistics. Students with degrees in cognate disciplines are also welcome to apply but will have to take an introductory course in linguistics prior to enrollment. We run such a course as a summer online course. Minimum GPA is 3.3. Funded positions are available (TA, RA) on a competitive basis.

Degree Requirements

Students take 30 hours of LIN course work and complete a thesis. The course work must include at least 15 hours taken at the 600 or 700 level. Mandatory courses are LIN 601 Research Methods and LIN 701 Research Seminar in Linguistic Theory & Typology. All students must take a syntax course (LIN 512, 622, or 712) and a phonology course (LIN 515, 615, or 715). Students must also take a course in either morphology (LIN 505, 605, 705) or a course in phonetics (LIN 500, 600, or 700). The thesis component consists of a written research project and oral examination. The thesis must be approved by a committee of three faculty.

Graduate Courses

LIN 500	Phonetics	(3)
LIN 505	Linguistic Morphology	(3)
LIN 506	Sociolinguistics	(3)
LIN 507	Linguistic Anthropology	(3)
LIN 508	Discourse Analysis	(3)
LIN 509	Formal Semantics	(3)
LIN 510	Corpus Linguistics	(3)
LIN 511	Computational Linguistics	(3)
LIN 512	Analysis Of English Syntax	(3)
LIN 515	Phonological Analysis	(3)
LIN 516	Grammatical Typology	(3)
LIN 517	Special Topics In Linguistics (Subtitle Required)	(3)
LIN 519	Historical Linguistics	(3)
LIN 520	Sanskrit I	(3)
LIN 521	Sanskrit II	(3)
LIN 527	Language Investigations (Subtitle Required)	(3)
LIN 529	Language Contact	(3)
LIN 530	Pragmatics	(3)
LIN 540	Laboratory In Linguistics	(1)
LIN 550	Linguistic Field Methods	(3)

LIN 600	Advanced Phonetics	(3)
LIN 601	Research Methods In Linguistics	(3)
LIN 605	Advanced Morphology	(3)
LIN 606	Advanced Sociolinguistics	(3)
LIN 609	Advanced Semantics	(3)
LIN 610	Advanced Computational/Corpus Linguistics	(3)
LIN 611	Quantitative Methods In Linguistics	(3)
LIN 615	Advanced Phonology	(3)
LIN 617	Advanced Topics In Linguistics (Subtitle Required)	(3)
LIN 619	Historical Sociolinguistics	(3)
LIN 622	Advanced Syntax	(3)
LIN 629	Advanced Historical Linguistics	(3)
LIN 640	Advanced Laboratory In Linguistics	(1)
LIN 695	Directed Studies In Linguistics	(1-3)
LIN 701	Research Seminar In Linguistic Theory & Typology*	(3)
LIN 748	Masters Thesis Research	(0)