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Linguistics



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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 38,000 students, including almost 3,000 international students representing more than 120 countries. UNT has the most degree choices in the North Texas region with 100 Bachelor's, 83 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.



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Master of Arts

in

ESL

English as a Second Language

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.

The MA in ESL degree is a 36-hour program.

Course requirements include:
24 hours of core courses
6 hours of foundation courses
3 hours of electives
3-hour research seminar (which must be taken during the last 9 hours of coursework)
Students who elect to write a thesis will take 3 hours of thesis LING 5950, in lieu of 3 elective hours.

Core Courses – 24 hours

LING 5060 - SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
LING 5070 - BIBLIOGRAPHY AND METHODS OF RESEARCH IN LINGUISTICS/ESL
LING 5075 - QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN LINGUISTICS
LING 5080 - TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
LING 5090 - PEDAGOGICAL ENGLISH GRAMMAR
LING 5300 - PHONOLOGY I
LING 5310 - SYNTAX I
LING 5340 - PRACTICUM IN TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Foundation Courses – 6 hours

(Choose two courses from the following)
LING 5305 - MORPHOLOGY
LING 5330 - SOCIOLINGUISTICS
LING 5530 - SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS I
LING 5550 - CORPUS LINGUISTICS

Electives – 3 hours

(Choose two courses from the following)
LING 5020 - HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS
LING 5030 - LANGUAGES OF SOUTH ASIA
LING 5305 - MORPHOLOGY
LING 5350 - TYPOLOGY
LING 5315 - ANNOTATION THROUGH SQUIBS
LING 5370 - ESL WRITING PEDAGOGY
LING 5380 - LINGUISTIC FIELD METHODS
LING 5390 - PSYCHOLINGUISTICS
LING 5400 - TOOLS FOR LEXICOGRAPHY
LING 5410 - COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS I
LING 5540 - ENDANGERED LANGUAGES
LING 5560 - DISCOURSE ANALYSIS
LING 5570 - WORLD ENGLISHES
LING 5580 - LANGUAGE AND GENDER
LING 5590 - LINGUISTICS AND LITERATURE

Research Seminar

LING 5990 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR LINGUISTS

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— 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

Principal Lecturer in linguistics and ESL. She holds a master's degree from UNT in Linguistics with a specialization in TESOL.

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.

Karen Lioy

MA in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on ESL and language education. She has expertise in teaching ESL, teacher training, and curriculum and program design. In addition to teaching at UNT, she is currently an Instructional Coach for a local school district.

Dr. Sadaf Munshi

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

Dr. Alexis Palmer

Computational linguistics for low-resource languages and for supporting documentation of endangered languages, computational semantics, and computational discourse.

Dr. Haj Ross

Semantax - an interfield that sees syntax and semantics as inseparably inter-penetrating; linguistic analysis of poetry.

Dr. Xian Zhang

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