

RESEARCH & PROGRAMS

The strengths of the Department of Linguistics lie in our established MA & TESOL programs and research areas in language variation and change, language documentation, and the linguistic analysis of literature. We also have a new focus on language technology and language data curation. We offer the following degrees:

- **MA in Linguistics:** Offers students broad training in all core areas of discipline.
- **MA in Linguistics with a concentration in Computational Linguistics**
- **MA in Linguistics with a concentration in Digital Language Analysis**
- **MA in English as a Second Language:** Prepares students for careers in teaching English as a second and/or foreign language and language arts instruction for K-12 (with additional certification and coursework from the College of Education).
- **Interdisciplinary MS with a concentration in Computational Linguistics:** Students will develop a deep understanding of how language can be molded and analyzed computationally.
- **PhD in Information Science - Linguistics Concentration:** Students pursue a PhD in Information Science with a concentration in Linguistics.

- **Graduate Academic Certificate in Computational Linguistics:** Offers Students training in the core principles of computational analysis and processing of language with a focus on practical experience with modern language technology toolkits and applications.
- **Graduate Academic Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL):** Prepares students from any major to teach English as a second language. Required courses for the TESOL Certificate can be counted towards the MA in Linguistics and the MA in ESL.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our MA program serves 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 and also provides a wide range of skills that are applicable in a number of fields and careers.

This Includes:

- **Language Teaching**
- **Education & Educational Research**
- **Translation/Interpretation**
- **Teaching at the University Level**
- **Language Documentation**
- **Fieldwork**
- **Tech Industry** (Natural Language Processing, Artificial Intelligence, Search Engines, etc.)
- **Testing Agencies**
- **Government (FBI, CIA, Local)**
- **Voice Training**
- **Advertising**
- **Law**
- **Publishing**
- **Speech and Hearing Science**

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. 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