Linguistics, MA

Modality

On Campus

Program URL

https://linguistics.georgetown.edu/programs/master-degree-programs/master-of-arts/

The Linguistics Department at Georgetown is committed to analyzing a diversity of linguistic phenomena through different modes of inquiry. We examine language through its s structure, acquisition, use in context, and via computational models. By valuing the legitimacy and relevance of research at every level of analysis, and acknowledging that no one model of language can provide all the answers (or even address all the pertinent questions), we provide a foundation of linguistic study in a department that is built upon a tradition of unique pluralism.

The Master of Arts in Linguistics (Language and Communication) is a professionally oriented program in sociolinguistics, with a strong focus on the application of linguistic theory, research, and methods to a broad range of fields. The program is suited for college graduates with a B.A. or B.S. interested in applying core training in sociolinguistics to a wide variety of professional contexts.

Academic Policies

The academic policies and procedures of the Linguistics program outlined in the department handbook and the University Bulletin.

Requirements

Program Requirements

The program offers a uniquely designed, tailored program of study for every student. MLC students can choose between two paths through the program: 30 credits (10 courses) of coursework or 24 credits (8 courses) of course and a Master's thesis (6 credits of thesis research).

Course requirements include:

- One course in General Linguistics, selected in consultation with the advisor (3 credits)
- MLC Proseminar (3 credits)
- 3 Courses that cultivate essential methodological, theoretical, and analytical competencies in sociolinguistics, selected in consultation with the advisor (9 credits)
- Electives offered by the Linguistics Department or Thesis Research (15 credits)

Thesis Requirements

Students may opt to write a thesis in lieu of six elective credits. Theses are approved by the department and are supervised by a faculty adviser with or without additional readers. Upon completion, the Master's Thesis must be deposited in the Graduate School.