

Linguistics, MS

Modality

On Campus

Program URL

<https://linguistics.georgetown.edu/programs/master-degree-programs/master-of-sciences/>

The Master of Science in Linguistics allows students to gain expertise in focused topics of study, allowing them to build upon skills and gain new insights. Students are admitted to one of the three concentrations: Applied Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, or Theoretical Linguistics.

Academic Policies

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

Requirements

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The requirements for the Master of Science in Linguistics include coursework, foreign language proficiency, and a Master's Research Paper. Students in concentrations other than

The requirements for each concentration are as follows:

Applied Linguistics

Code	Title	Credits
LING 5111	Phonology I	3
LING 5127	Generative Syntax I	3
LING 5131	Semantics & Pragmatics I	3
2 Applied Linguistics courses selected from an approved listing		6
LING 5281	Research Methods:Applied Ling	3
4 Electives selected by the student		12
Total Credits		30

Sociolinguistics

Code	Title	Credits
LING 5111	Phonology I	3
LING 5127	Generative Syntax I	3
LING 5131	Semantics & Pragmatics I	3
LING 6301	Sociolinguistic Field Methods	3
1 course that addresses quantitative approaches to Sociolinguistics		3
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Total Credits		18

Theoretical Linguistics

Code	Title	Credits
LING 5111	Phonology I	3
LING 5127	Generative Syntax I	3
LING 5131	Semantics & Pragmatics I	3

3 courses that address Sound, Form, and Meaning	9
5 electives selected under the guidance of advisor	15
Select three of the following:	9
LING 6112 Phonology II	
LING 3128 Semantics & Pragmatics	
LING 5151 Language Acquisition	
LING 6132 Semantics & Pragmatics II	
Total Credits	42

Thesis Requirements

All Master of Science students must write either a Master's Research Paper (MRP) or a Master's Thesis. The two options are very similar, but the thesis involves more in-depth research, has more formal requirements for formatting, and is deposited in the university library via the Graduate School.