Pre-requisites:

- **LING 501**  Fundamentals of Linguistics
  
  *This course is a prerequisite to almost every graduate course we offer. Students who did not major or minor in Linguistics should take 501 during their first semester in the MA program. Students who majored or minored in Linguistics are waived from this requirement.*

- **LING 550**  Theory and Practice of English Second Language Teaching
  
  *This course is a prerequisite to almost every 600- and 700-level course in TESOL/Applied Linguistics. Applied students should take 550 during their first semester in the MA program.*

A. **Two Core Courses in Linguistics**

  LING 503  Functions of Language

  And **one** of the following:

  - LING 502  Language in Mind and Society
  - LING 551  Sociolinguistics
  - LING 552  Psycholinguistics

B. **Five courses in TESOL/Applied Linguistics**

  - LING 652  Second Language Acquisition
  - LING 656  Quantitative Research Methods
  - LING 795  Seminar in Applied Linguistics (only offered in spring)

  And **two** of the following:

  - LING 650  Materials Development
  - LING 653  ESL Reading and Writing
  - LING 655  English for Specific Purposes and Content-Based Instruction
  - LING 657  Foundations of Language Assessment

C. **Internship in ESL** (required of students who lack ESL/EFL teaching experience)

  LING 740  ESL Internship

D. **Open electives needed to fill a 30-unit degree program**

E. **Completion of M.A. Comprehensive Exams (Plan B) or a thesis (Plan A)**

  *Students who choose a thesis must enroll in LING 799A, usually in the last semester of the program.*

F. **Completion of the Department’s Foreign Language Requirement**

  *Students must take the equivalent of 3 semesters (or 4 quarters) of the same FL and earn a grade of B or higher in the 3rd semester (or 4th quarter). Undergraduate coursework satisfies the requirement.*

Keep in mind the following:

1. Courses are 3 units each and 30 units (10 courses) are needed to complete the MA program.
2. At least 15 of the 30 required units must consist of 600- and 700-level courses.
3. 400-level courses do not count toward the M.A. degree.
4. Graduate-level linguistics courses are not offered during the summer.