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.*
- Most 600-level courses require completion of undergraduate courses in phonology, syntax, and/or semantics. Students should take these courses at SDSU if not taken as undergraduate coursework.

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. One course chosen from the following:
   - LING 621  Advanced English Phonology
   - LING 622  Discourse and Syntax

C. Two Specialization Courses chosen from the following:
   - LING 610  Topics in Historical Linguistics
   - LING 620  Advanced Formal Syntax
   - LING 626  Pragmatics
   - LING 640  Field Methods in Linguistics
   - LING 651  Sociology of Language
   - LING 660  History of Linguistics
   - LING 696  Special Topics

D. Seminar in General or Computational Linguistics (only offered in fall)
   - LING 795  Seminar

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

F. 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.*

G. 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.