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
  - LING 553 Bilingualism

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.*

Keep in mind the following:

1. Courses are 3 units each and 30 units (10 courses) are needed to complete the MA program.
2. Pre-requisite courses (501, 550) taken as part of M.A. coursework can count toward the 30 units required of the M.A. degree.
3. 400-level courses do not count toward the M.A. degree.
4. Graduate-level linguistics courses are not offered during the summer.