

San Diego State University
Department of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages
Master's in TESOL/Applied Linguistics
Degree Requirements

Pre-requisites:

- 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. Five core courses (16 units) in Linguistics

LING 501 Fundamentals of Linguistics (1 course, 3 units)
LING 503 Functions of Language (1 course, 3 units)
LING 600 Professional Development in Linguistics (1 course, 1 unit)
LING 795 Seminar in Linguistics (2 courses – 6 units, one of which has to be with Applied Linguistics content offered in the Spring semester)

And **one** of the following:

LING 502 Language in Mind and Society (1 course, 3 units)
LING 551 Sociolinguistics (1 course, 3 units)
LING 552 Psycholinguistics (1 course, 3 units)

B. Four courses (12 units) in TESOL/Applied Linguistics

LING 652 Second Language Acquisition
LING 656 Quantitative Research Methods

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 (3 units) (required of students who lack ESL/EFL teaching experience; those with ESL/EFL teaching experience can choose a 3-unit open elective)

LING 740 ESL Internship

D. Open electives needed to fill a 31-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 with an exception of Ling 600 which is only 1 unit; 31 units (11 courses) are needed to complete the MA program.
2. The pre-requisite course (550) taken as part of M.A. coursework can count toward the 31 units required of the M.A. degree.
3. 400-level courses and Ling 505 (Graduate Writing) do not count towards the M.A. degree.
4. Graduate-level linguistics courses are not offered during the summer.