

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

Pre-requisites:

- 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. 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
General Linguistics content offered in the Fall 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. Three courses (9 units) chosen from the following:

LING 602 Advanced Study of Language, Mind and Society (1 course, 3 units)
LING 610 Topics in Historical Linguistics (1 course, 3 units)
LING 620 Advanced Formal Syntax (1 course, 3 units)
LING 626 Pragmatics (1 course, 3 units)
LING 696 Special Topics (1 course, 3 units)

C. Open electives (6 units) needed to fill a 31-unit degree program

D. 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. 400-level courses and Ling 505 (Graduate Writing) do not count towards the M.A. degree.
3. Graduate-level linguistics courses are not offered during the summer.