MASTER OF ARTS LINGUISTICS

Linguistics is a discipline that explores the structure of language, its role in human activity, and its relationship to the biological and psychological human organism. It is considered one of the humanities because it focuses on the relationship between human beings and language, but it is also an exact science because of its systematic explanation of the facts of language and its use of experimental methodology.

The Department of Linguistics offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of MA and PhD in linguistics. It is possible, through the selection of relevant courses, to specialize in a variety of areas of linguistic research. These include the following: theoretical linguistics (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics), first and second language acquisition, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics and sociolinguistics. Detailed information about the programs, for instance, the research areas of professors, course descriptions, and student advising arrangements is provided in the department's student handbook.

The Department participates in a collaborative program in Canadian Studies at the PhD level.

The programs are governed by the general regulations (http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=1807) in effect for graduate studies.

Admission Requirements

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (http://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements) webpage.

The BA with honours in linguistics (or the equivalent) is required for admission to the master’s program.

Applicants to the master’s program whose BA with honours is in an area other than linguistics may be admitted to a qualifying program which will be established for each student, taking previous preparation into account. This program will comprise up to 30 units to ensure coverage of all the major areas of linguistics. After the requirements of the qualifying program have been satisfactorily fulfilled, students may apply for admission to the regular master’s program.

Language Requirements

Candidates must have an adequate knowledge of English. Most of the courses are offered in English. Under the regulations of the University of Ottawa, examinations and assignments may be written in French or in English.

Program Requirements

MA with Research Paper

Eighteen units (six courses) at the graduate level to be chosen as follows:

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| 9 optional course units in linguistics (LIN) at the graduate level | 9 Units |
| Research Paper: |
| LIN 7997 M.A./Research Paper | 0 Unit |

Note(s)

1. 9 course units encompassing at least two of the following sub-areas: bilingualism, experimental phonetics, first language acquisition, historical linguistics, neurolinguistics, psycholinguistics, second language acquisition and sociolinguistics.

2. Students must successfully complete a research paper of approximately 50 pages in length. Students will normally enroll for the research paper (LIN 7997) upon completion of all courses. The research paper must be approved by two faculty members, one of whom also serves as the supervisor. The paper is graded S (satisfactory) or NS (not satisfactory).

Transfer from Master’s to PhD

Outstanding students enrolled in the master’s program may be allowed to transfer to the PhD program without being required to write a master’s thesis. For additional information, please consult the “Admission Requirements” section of the PhD program.

Duration of Program

Full-time students will normally complete the program in three terms. The maximum time allowed is four years.

Minimum Standards

The passing grade in all courses is C+. Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units) must withdraw from the program.

Research

Research Fields & Facilities

Located in the heart of Canada’s capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada’s top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

- Canada and the World
- Health
- e-Society
- Molecular and Environmental Sciences

With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

Research at the Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts is proud of the state of the art research conducted by its professors. In the spirit of showcasing its research to the university community as well as to the general public, the Faculty has created three
activities: Dean’s Lecture Series, Treasures of the Library, and Excellence Lectures.

Facilities, Research Centres and Institutes at the Faculty of Arts


For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on Uniweb.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/academic-unit-contact-information) of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.

Courses

LIN 5302 Laboratory Techniques: Software, Signals and Stimuli (3 units)
Current laboratory techniques in empirical linguistics.
Course Component: Lecture

LIN 5303 Sociolinguistics I (3 units)
Survey of recent and classical literature on variationist sociolinguistics, and the development of skills to locate, extract and interpret variable phenomena in spontaneous speech.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 5304 Psycholinguistics (3 units)
Introduction to the psychological factors governing the acquisition and use of language.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 5308 Bilingualism (3 units)
Variationist perspectives on the linguistic consequences of language contact in stable bilingual communities.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 5310 Dialectology (3 units)
Seminar on methods in dialectology, with reference to modern languages.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 5315 Phonology II (3 units)
Current issues in formal and experimental phonology.
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: LIN 5318

LIN 5317 Syntax II (3 units)
Current issues in syntactic research. Development of contemporary syntactic concepts.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 5318 Semantics I (3 units)
Introduction to formal semantics with emphasis on the composition of meaning; research goals in formal semantics and overview of some current research questions.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 5323 Research in English Linguistics (3 units)
Current issues in English linguistics.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 5324 Research in Sociolinguistics (3 units)
Current issues in sociolinguistic research.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 5921 Recherche en linguistique française (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar

LIN 5922 Recherche en linguistique franco-canadienne (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar

LIN 5998 Travaux pratiques I / Guided Research I (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

LIN 5998S Travaux pratiques III / Guided Research III (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

LIN 6301 Experimental Phonetics: Physiology (3 units)
Physiological aspects of speech production.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 6302 Experimental Phonetics: Acoustics (3 units)
Fundamentals of speech acoustics.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 6315 Phonology II (3 units)
Current issues in formal and experimental phonology.
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: LIN 5315

LIN 6317 Syntax II (3 units)
Current issues in syntax.
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: LIN 5317

LIN 6318 Semantics II (3 units)
Advanced topics in formal semantics; overview of current debates and technical proposals.
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: LIN 5318

LIN 6701 Phonétique expérimentale : La physiologie (3 crédits)
Aspects physiologiques de la production de la parole.
Volet : Séminaire

LIN 6702 Phonétique expérimentale : L’acoustique (3 crédits)
Bases de l’analyse acoustique de la parole.
Volet : Séminaire

LIN 7301 Statistics for Linguistics Research (3 units)
Specialized statistical methods for linguistic analysis, including both descriptive and inferential statistics (e.g. frequency distribution, standard deviation, ANOVA, MANOVA, Regression, Correlation, and T-tests). Training in statistical software. Reading and writing of reports on statistics results. Practical training with linguistic data sets.
Course Component: Seminar

LIN 7310 Seminar I (3 units)
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