

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

**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

**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.*

**F. 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.