MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH: CONCENTRATION IN LINGUISTICS

Admission to Program

In addition to the materials sent to the graduate admissions office, the applicant must submit the following items to the English Department in order to be considered for admission:

- a one-to-two page typed statement of purpose detailing why the applicant is interested in the linguistics concentration;
- one set of official transcripts from all colleges attended;
- one or two letters of recommendation;
- one writing sample.

Prerequisites: In order to be fully classified, students must have already taken the equivalents, or take at SF State the following:

- Linguistics: ENG 421, ENG 422, ENG 424, and ENG 425 (12 units).
- 10 units of a modern European language.
- One semester of a non-Indo-European language.

All linguistics courses must be taken for a letter grade, and students must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA in these courses with no grade lower than a B- to continue in the program.

Students whose native language is not English and whose B.A. was completed outside the United States must present evidence of a computer–based TOEFL score of at least 240 (Internet-based TOEFL: 95, paper-based TOEFL, 590) with a writing subscore of at least 4.5. (Internet-based writing score of at least 24). Applicants who do not meet this minimum TOEFL requirement will not be admitted; there is no conditional admission. A TOEFL score of 240 is considered to be very minimal; applicants who demonstrate stronger English proficiency with a higher TOEFL score (and higher writing subscore) will have a better chance of being recommended for admission to the program for the Master of Arts in English with Concentration in Linguistics.

Any courses in Group II that are not selected for the Group II requirement may be used as Related Elective Courses with the approval of an advisor.

1 ENG 728 may be used as Group II when variant differs from Group I variant.

2 ENG 889 must be taken either during final or penultimate semester of the program.

Related Elective Courses (6 Units)

Units to be taken from one or more of the following groups of related courses or other courses approved of by an advisor.

**Linguistics**

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**Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**

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**COMM 871**  Communication Research Strategies  4

**Reading and Writing**
ENG 704  Pedagogical Grammar for Composition  3
ENG 706  Seminar in Sociolinguistics of Composition  3

**Literature**
ENG 782  Seminar: Chaucer  3

Select one of the following:
- and Master's Comprehensive Oral Examination  3

Foreign Language Requirement (see below)

**Culminating Experience**
Select one from the following:
ENG 898  Master's Thesis  3
ENG 895  Field Study or Applied Research Project (and Master's Comprehensive Oral Examination)  3

and Foreign Language Requirement (see below)

During the second-to-last semester in the program, students are required to complete a form called the Advancement to Candidacy (ATC), which lists those courses they are using to fulfill the requirements for the Master of Arts in English with Concentration in Linguistics. Students must earn an overall GPA of 3.0 or better in all courses listed in that document.

**Master's Examinations**
Failure in these examinations does not disqualify the candidate unless the examining committee so directs. The candidate may take the examinations twice, and, if failure occurs both times, will be disqualified from the graduate program.

**Foreign Language Requirement**
10 semester units, or the equivalent, of a modern European language, plus a minimum of one semester or the equivalent of a non-Indo-European language is required of all candidates for the Master of Arts in English with Concentration in Linguistics. The student has the alternative of satisfying the foreign language requirement by examination. Units earned in foreign language study are not to be included in the student's Advancement to Candidacy (ATC).