Overview
The Linguistics Department offers a Master of Arts in general and applied linguistics. Students are trained to critically examine and analyze the world within and around them through language. Our dynamic curriculum combines core studies in the structure of language (phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics) with current approaches in sociolinguistics, language acquisition, psycholinguistics, language contact and bilingualism, World Englishes, endangered languages, discourse analysis, and identity.

Credit hours required: 36

Admissions
Applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies and Research. Applicants are also required to have completed nine hours or the equivalent of college-level foreign language study. When students do not meet the language requirement, they may be given provisional admission and may complete their required foreign language coursework while enrolled in the MA program. The language requirement must be fulfilled before applying for graduation. International applicants: a minimum TOEFL score of 550 (paper); 79 on the internet-based test; 213 (computer-based); OR a score of 6.5 on the IELTS.

GRE: Not required

Program of Study
Requirements for the Degree:
12 courses/36 hours of course work; Cumulative 3.0 GPA in Linguistics courses with no more than 2 grades of C; successful completion and oral defense of a Linguistics Capstone course or Thesis.

Required Courses:
LING-401 Fundamentals of Modern Linguistics........... 3 cr.
LING-405 Typology................................................. 9 cr.
LING-422 Phonology.............................................. 9 cr.
LING-427 Morphology or LING-435 Semantics........... 3 cr.
LING-437 Generative Grammar.................................. 3 cr.
LING-446 Sociolinguistics...................................... 3 cr.
LING-450 First Language Acquisition........................ 3 cr.
PLUS 5 electives...................................................... 15 cr.

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Careers
- Teaching
- Curriculum Development
- Language Documentation
- Forensic Linguistics
- Speech Pathology
- Audiology
- Computational Linguistics
- Translation and Interpretation
- Language Policy
- Government Intelligence
- Product Branding
- Publishing

Attending Northeastern
- Classes are offered during the late afternoon and evening hours to accommodate professionals working full-time
- Students may attend either part-time or full-time
- Current in-state graduate tuition is less than $400 per credit hour (tuition & fees)
- Financial support: Financial aid (loans), merit tuition scholarships, and graduate assistantships are often available to help fund your graduate education.
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