



Department of Linguistics
Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Dual A.B./M.A. in Linguistics

The dual A.B./M.A. pathway allows students to complete two degrees — an A.B. and an M.A. in Linguistics — in 5 years. Students admitted to the pathway will normally begin taking graduate courses in their third or fourth year (4 courses/12 hours), which can be counted towards both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. During the fourth year, students will apply for admission to the M.A. program, and will complete the remaining M.A. requirements in their fifth year. Note that you must complete all of your undergraduate degree requirements prior to your actual enrollment in the M.A. program (in the fall of year 5).

Who is eligible?

Linguistics majors who:

- have completed LING 3060 and LING 3150(W)
- have completed 60 hours or more of undergraduate coursework
- have a minimum GPA of 3.5 in LING courses and a cumulative GPA of 3.0

How do I apply to the dual-degree pathway?

- Talk to the pathway advisor:

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- Click on the Apply to Pathway button on the Double Dawgs program webpage: <http://doubledawgs.uga.edu/ProgramDetails/10453>
- Submit an application form plus two letters of recommendation (see the attached form) to chowe@uga.edu. Students who meet the eligibility requirements may apply at any time; applications are accepted and students are admitted to the pathway on a rolling basis.

How do I apply to the M.A. program?

In your final year of undergraduate study, you will follow the normal procedures for admission to the M.A. program (see <http://www.linguistics.uga.edu/admissions>). The M.A. program in Linguistics admits students only in the Fall semester, and the application deadline is January 1. Note that admission to the dual-degree pathway does not guarantee admission to the M.A. degree program; students must still meet

the admission requirements and will be considered along with other applicants to the program. However, students who have performed well in the dual-degree pathway should be well qualified to gain admission.

What courses do I take?

All undergraduate students must complete the two required courses for the A.B. in Linguistics, LING 3060 *Phonetics and Phonology* and LING 3150(W) *Generative Syntax*, prior to admission to the pathway. Similarly, all students will also be required to take the required graduate versions of these courses (LING 8021 *Phonetics and Phonology* and LING 8150 *Generative Syntax*) as part of their graduate degree requirements. Therefore, students should not take the undergraduate LING 4022 *Advanced Phonetics and Phonology* or LING 3160(W) *Advanced Generative Phonology* as part of their undergraduate degrees, since there is some overlap between these advanced undergraduate courses and the introductory graduate courses; they will have an opportunity to take more advanced coursework in these areas at the graduate level, after completing LING 8021 and LING 8150.

Graduate courses (up to a maximum of 12 hours) may be substituted for any of the remaining courses required for the undergraduate degree.

See the attached checklist for more information.

Can I also complete a minor or a double major at the undergraduate level?

In most cases, yes: there is room in the undergraduate program of study for a number of free electives, so you should easily be able to earn enough credits for a minor. Students who enter with advanced placement credit and who plan carefully can usually complete a double major, if desired.

Planning for the M.A. thesis

We recommend that you begin thinking about possible thesis topics and faculty advisors already in the final semester of your fourth year or in the summer immediately before your entry into the graduate program. You should already have a good idea of what you plan to do and who you will work with by the beginning of your final (M.A.) year.

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Checklist for dual A.B./M.A. degree in Linguistics

A.B. in Linguistics (for students who declared the Linguistics major before Fall 2025)

Students must meet all other UGA requirements for graduation, including Core Area VI requirements specific to Linguistics. See the UGA Bulletin. No more than four courses/12 hours at the graduate level may be used to simultaneously satisfy undergraduate and graduate degree requirements.

Required courses

- ☐ LING 3060
- ☐ LING 3150(W)

Area I

Choose two courses from the following list

- ☐ CMSD(LING) 3120 **or** LING 4175
or LLED 5730
- ☐ ~~LING 3160*~~
- ☐ LING 3250
- ☐ LING 3350
- ☐ LING 3830
- ☐ ~~LING 4022*~~
- ☐ LING 4105
- ☐ LING 4160
- ☐ LING 4400
- ☐ LING 4530 **or** LING 4570
- ☐ LING 4720

**see page 2 for explanation*

allowed graduate-level substitutions

***course satisfies a distributional requirement for the MA degree*

- ☐ LING 6175** **or** LLED 7730
- ☐ LING 8160**
- ☐ LING 8120**
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- ☐ LING 6022**
- ☐ LING 6105**
- ☐ LING 6160**
- ☐ LING 6400 (satisfies research skills req.)
- ☐ LING 6530 **or** LING 6570
- ☐ LING 6720

Area II

Choose two courses from the following list

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| ☐ ENGL(LING) 4886 | ☐ ENGL(LING) 6886 |
| ☐ LING 3850 | — |
| ☐ LING 4015 | ☐ LING 6015 |
| ☐ LING(ENGL) 4080 | ☐ LING(ENGL) 6080 |
| ☐ LING 4210 | ☐ LING 6210 |
| ☐ LING 4690 | ☐ LING 6690** or LING 8680** |
| ☐ LING 4710 | ☐ LING 6710 |
| ☐ LING(CMLT) 4740 | ☐ LING(CMLT) 6740 |
| ☐ LING 4770 | ☐ LING 6770 |
| ☐ LING 4860 | ☐ LING 6860** |
| ☐ LING(CMLT) 4870 | ☐ LING(CMLT) 6870 |
| ☐ LING 4880 | ☐ LING 6880 |

Major electives:

Choose any two LING courses at the 3000/4000-level OR up to two LING courses at the graduate level (excluding LING 7000, 7005, 7300, 9010), 6 hours.

A.B. in Linguistics (for students who declared the Linguistics major in Fall 2025 or later)

Students must meet all other UGA requirements for graduation, including Core Area VI requirements specific to Linguistics. See the UGA Bulletin.

No more than four courses/12 hours at the graduate level may be used to simultaneously satisfy undergraduate and graduate degree requirements.

Required courses:

- ☐ LING 3060
- ☐ LING 3150(W)

Major core courses:

Choose **two** courses from the following list.

- ☐ LING 3015
- ☐ ~~LING 3160(W)*~~
- ☐ LING 3250
- ☐ LING 3350
- ☐ ~~LING 4022*~~
- ☐ LING 3015
- ☐ LING 4105
- ☐ LING 4160
- ☐ LING 4530 or LING 4570
- ☐ LING 4690
- ☐ LING 4720

allowed graduate-level substitutions:

- ☐ LING 6860**
- ☐ LING 8160**
- ☐ LING 8120**
- ☐ LING 6022**
- ☐ LING 6105
- ☐ LING 6160**
- ☐ LING 6530 or LING 6570
- ☐ LING 6690** or LING 8680**
- ☐ LING 6720

Distributional requirements:

Choose one course each from two of the three areas below (total of **two** courses).

Language acquisition, bilingualism, and contact

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| ☐ CMSD(LING) 3120 or LING 4175 | ☐ LING 6175** |
| ☐ LING 3780 | |
| ☐ LING 3790 | |
| ☐ LING 4710 | ☐ LING 6710** |

Language diversity, history, and usage

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| ☐ LING 3830 | ☐ LING 6015 |
| ☐ LING(AFAM) 4015 | ☐ LING 6211 |
| ☐ LING(CLAS) 4211 | ☐ LING 6740 |
| ☐ LING(CMLT) 4740 | ☐ LING 6770 |
| ☐ LING 4770 | ☐ LING 6870 |
| ☐ LING(CMLT, WMST) 4870 | ☐ LING 6887(E) |
| ☐ LING(COMM) 4887(E) | |

Quantitative and research methods

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| ☐ LING 4400 | ☐ LING 6400 (satisfies the research skills req.) |
| ☐ LING 4410 | ☐ LING 6410 (satisfies the research skills req.) |
| ☐ LING 4880 | ☐ LING 6880 (satisfies the research skills req.) |
| ☐ ENGL(LING) 4886 | ☐ ENGL(LING) 6886 |

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***course satisfies a distributional requirement for the M.A. degree*

Major electives:

Choose any two LING courses at the 3000/4000-level OR up to two LING courses at the graduate level (excluding LING 7000, 7005, 7300, 9010), 6 hours.

M.A. in Linguistics

Students must fulfill all Graduate School requirements for the M.A. degree, as well as the Research Skills requirement for the Linguistics Program. Any combination of required and elective courses can be used to satisfy the requirement for a primary and secondary area of concentration, which can be tailored to match individual student interests (see <http://www.linguistics.uga.edu/ma-thesis-requirements> for more information).

Required courses:

- ☐ GRSC 7001 Grad First (1 hours, S/U)
- ☐ LING 8021
- ☐ LING 8150
- ☐ LING 8101 Colloquium (1 hour, S/U)*
- ☐ LING 7300 Master's Thesis

** only one hour of colloquium is required for students in the dual degree program*

Choose one course from the following list:

- ☐ LING 6022
- ☐ LING 6160
- ☐ LING 8120
- ☐ LING 8160
- ☐ LING 8170
- ☐ LING 8180

Choose one course from the following list:

- ☐ LING 6175
- ☐ LING 6690 or LING 8680
- ☐ LING 6710
- ☐ LING 6860

Elective courses

Five elective graduate courses (15 hours, excluding LING 7000, LING 7300, 9010), Relevant graduate courses that do not carry a LING prefix may be included in your program of study with approval of the Graduate Coordinator and your Major Professor.

Dual Degree: AB/MA in Linguistics Sample Program of Study (Phon/phon and sociolinguistics emphasis)

YEAR ONE			
Fall courses	Hours	Spring courses	Hours
Area I ENGL	3	Area I ENGL	3
Area I MATH	3	LING 2100 The Study of Language	3
Area II	3	Area III (rec.: PHIL 2500 Symb. Logic <i>or</i> STAT 2000 Intro Stat.)	3
FYOS	1	Area V	3
¹ XXXX 1001 Elem. Foreign Language I	4	XXXX 1002 Elem. Foreign Language II	4
Total	14	Total	16
YEAR TWO			
Fall courses		Spring courses	
Area II	3	Area V	3
Area II Lab	1	LING 3150W Syntax (or LING 3060)	3
LING 3060 Phonetics & Phonology (or LING 3150W)	3	Franklin Fine Arts/Phil/Rel or Lit Requirement	3
XXXX 2001 Intermed. Foreign Language I	3	XXXX 2002 Intermed. Foreign Language II	3
² Area IV course Humanities/Arts	3	Elective course	3
Elective course	3		
Total	16	Total	15
YEAR THREE			
Fall courses		Spring courses	
³ XXXX 1001 Elem. Foreign Language I	4	XXXX 1002 Elem. Foreign Language II	4
LING major course (3000/4000-level)	3	LING major course (3000/4000-level)	3
Area V	3	Elective course	3
Elective course (3000/4000)	3	Elective course	3
Elective course (3000/4000)	3	Elective course (3000/4000)	3
Total	16	Total	16
YEAR FOUR			
Fall courses		Spring courses	
*LING 8021 Phonetics & Phonology	3	*LING 6022 Adv. Phonetics & Phonology	3
*LING elective (grad level)	3	*LING 6860 Sociolinguistics	3
Elective course (3000/4000-level)	3	Elective course (3000/4000-level)	3
Elective course	3	Elective course	3
Elective course		(P.E. Requirement	1)
3			
Total	15	Total	12 (+1)
YEAR FIVE			
Fall courses		Spring courses	
GRSC 7001 GradFIRST	1	LING 8101 Colloquium (S/U)	1
⁴ LING elective (Sociolinguistics)		⁴ LING elective (Phonology or Quantitative Meth.)	3
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LING 8150	3	LING elective	3
LING elective	3	LING 7300	3-9
LING 7000 Master's Research	6	LING elective (recommended) or LING 7000	3-6
Total	16	Total	13-16

Notes:

1. Four semesters of a first foreign language (satisfies Core Area VI, Franklin Foreign Language requirement).
2. Course chosen for Area IV should also satisfy either the Franklin Fine Arts/Philosophy/ Religion requirement or the Franklin Literature requirement.
3. Two semesters of a second foreign language; must be from a different major language family than the language in note 1 above (satisfies Core Area VI).
4. Graduate-level LING electives and some other courses shown here are used to satisfy sample primary and secondary areas of concentration in Phonetics/Phonology and Sociolinguistics. Students may design their programs around different areas of concentration.

Courses used to satisfy M.A. requirements are in red; graduate courses used to satisfy undergraduate degree requirements are marked with an asterisk.

Total A.B. hours (including 12 hours counted simultaneously towards M.A. degree): 120 + 1 hour P.E.

Total M.A. hours (excluding LING 7000 Master's Research and other non-required courses): 32

Note that the dual A.B./M.A. requires only one semester of Colloquium, rather than two, since this course is only offered in the Spring semester. Students are encouraged to attend Colloquium in Year 4, prior to admission to the graduate program. Students may also choose to take LING 8100 Proseminar in the fall of Year 4.

This is a sample program of study:

- *Students are advised to take LING 3060 and LING 3150W as soon as possible after completion of LING 2100, but they do not necessarily have to be taken in Year Two as shown here.*
- *Students should choose Core courses that simultaneously satisfy Franklin College and University degree requirements whenever possible.*
- *Students should consult with the Linguistics Dual-Degree Pathway Advisor and the Graduate Coordinator about designing their graduate program of study, which may focus on different areas of concentration than shown in the sample here (see note 4 above.)*

This sample program of study does not assume any advanced placement credit in foreign languages or other areas. Even in this scenario, the program can accommodate students who start their study of Linguistics later than shown here, and there is room for students to include a minor in their undergraduate program of study (there are 15 hours of upper-division electives in the sample program of study). Students who enter with advanced placement credit may be able to complete a double major if desired, if they plan carefully.