If you love the study of language, you can broaden your knowledge and training in linguistics. Study with world-renowned linguistics scholars to gain a deeper understanding of their chosen fields. Working professionals can pursue a stand-alone certificate for career development.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Linguistics (certificate)

This transdisciplinary graduate certificate program in linguistics offers students in several fields the opportunity to gain an understanding of the way in which languages are structured, how they are acquired and how they vary over time, space, social distance and situational contexts.

The skills acquired through the completion of the core courses for this certificate include analytical abilities, critical thinking, effective communication and problem-solving. In addition, the knowledge acquired in the areas of discourse analysis and pragmatics makes students aware of the necessity to use appropriate registers and styles when creating written documents or oral presentations to different audiences.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

18 credit hours
Required Core Areas (9 credit hours)
discourse analysis and pragmatics (3)
phonology (3)
syntax (3)

Electives (9 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Information
The electives may be chosen from fields such as applied linguistics, educational linguistics, natural language processing, second-language acquisition and sociolinguistics. The electives are determined by the student in consultation with a faculty advisor.

Prerequisite: Students must have completed an introductory course in linguistics taken at the upper-division or graduate level. They should consult the certificate program director for advice.

All certificate coursework must be completed with an average grade of "B" or higher (3.00 on a 4.00 scale).

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of purpose
4. resume or curriculum vitae
5. proof of English proficiency
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. Students should visit the Department of English website for specific details about English proficiency requirements.

Once the online application has been submitted, the applicant should send a copy of unofficial transcripts, a one-to-two-page, well-considered statement of purpose detailing the student's background and reasons for wanting to do the linguistics certificate, and a resume to the department email address with the subject line: Linguistics Certificate Application.

To be considered for admission, an applicant must have taken an introductory course in linguistics at the upper-division or graduate level. Applicants must also show proof of a formal knowledge of a foreign language, equivalent to two years of study at the university level or plans to fulfill the language requirement concurrently with certificate courses. The language requirement may be met by completion of courses through the second-year level (four semesters) at ASU or elsewhere, or by completion of an upper-division language course with an average of "B" or better (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) for all such coursework (200 or 300 level), or through an examination that indicates placement above the 200 level. Language placement tests are available online at the Language Placement Policies and Tests webpage on the School of International Letters and Cultures website. If this requirement is not already fulfilled at the time of application, candidates must demonstrate completion of this requirement at the end of their certificate coursework in order for their certificate to be granted.

Application Deadlines

Fall
Spring

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