The program boasts an internationally recognized faculty with expertise in sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, second-language writing, world Englishes, semantics, syntax, phonology and more. With a variety of internships and professional development opportunities and an innovative mentoring program, students are prepared for entrance into academia as well as a variety of careers.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: PHD Linguistics and Applied Linguistics

The PhD program in linguistics and applied linguistics focuses on the study of human language and the application of that study to the human condition. Students in this program choose a research specialization in formal linguistics, applied linguistics, or some combination of these areas.

The curriculum provides professional training in linguistics and applied linguistics with focused research in several areas, including discourse analysis, language and cognition, language contact and change, language planning, phonetics, phonology, pragmatics, second language acquisition, second language teaching and learning, semantics, sociolinguistics, syntax, teaching English to speakers of other languages, and World Englishes.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Degree Requirements
84 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, an oral comprehensive exam, a foreign language exam, a prospectus and a dissertation

**Required Core (18 credit hours)**

- APL 555 Disciplinary Discourses (3)
- APL 601 Introduction to Applied Linguistics (3)
- LIN 511 Phonetics and Phonology (3)
- LIN 514 Syntax (3)
- LIN 515 American English (3) or LIN 516 Pragmatics and Discourse Analysis (3)
- LIN 655 Disciplinary Discourses (3)

**Electives and Research (24 credit hours)**

- LIN 501 Approaches to Research (3)
- specialization (21)

**Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)**

- LIN 799 or APL 799 Dissertation (12)

**Other Requirements (30 credit hours)**

If students do not have a previously awarded master's degree, then 30 credit hours will be made up of additional elective coursework approved by their supervisory committee. If they have not taken the equivalent of LIN 510 in the 30 hours, they will have to take that course.

**Additional Curriculum Information**

Students must demonstrate evidence of a competent knowledge of a natural language other than modern English, to be selected by the student, subject to the approval of the chair of the dissertation committee. The language requirement must be completed before the student is eligible to take the doctoral examinations. This requirement may be met by any of the following:

- earning a "B" or higher (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) in a 400- or 500-level course in an appropriate (approved) language
- demonstrating comparable proficiency by taking a language examination, administered by the School of International Letters and Cultures, in a language approved by the student's supervisory committee
- demonstrating native-speaker proficiency, as determined by the School of International Letters and Cultures, in a language approved by the student's supervisory committee
- earning a "B" or higher (3.00 on a 4.00 scale) in both ENG 530 Old English and ENG 531 Old English Literature or their equivalent
- holding a bachelor's degree in an approved foreign language
- having fulfilled a foreign language requirement toward a previously awarded master's degree that was completed within five years of the semester for which the student was admitted to the doctoral program
- two years (four semesters) of successfully completed college level coursework (no more than six years prior to admission to the degree program) at least at the 100 and 200 levels with a "C" or better, for
languages which the School of International Letters and Cultures does not offer or does not offer above the 200 level

The foreign language requirement must be in a language approved by the student's doctoral supervisory committee.

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 3.50 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. three letters of recommendation
6. academic writing sample relevant to the field
7. GRE general test scores
8. 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 see the Department of English website for specific details about English proficiency requirements.

Undergraduate degrees in such related fields as anthropology, applied linguistics, communication, cognitive science, comparative languages and literatures, literature, education, history, law, linguistics, modern languages, philosophy, political science, psychology, religious studies, rhetoric, composition, sociology, or speech and hearing science will be considered.
The one- to two-page, single-spaced statement of purpose should explain how the applicant's experience and training have prepared them for the program. It should also indicate career goals and explain how these goals relate to the graduate program in linguistics and applied linguistics. Applicants applying for funding must also submit a statement of teaching philosophy. Students should see the Department of English website for specific details.

Application Deadlines

Fall

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Admission Deadlines