

LINGUISTICS

Department Website (<http://www.cas.sc.edu/ling/>)

The Linguistics Program offers three graduate degrees: a Ph.D. in Linguistics, an M.A. in Linguistics, and a Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Because students interested in linguistics often come from diverse backgrounds and may not have had the opportunity to major in Linguistics as undergraduate students, each applicant is considered on an individual basis. Prospective students without substantial prior coursework in the discipline should apply with a start date in the summer session. All other students may apply for admission in the fall semester.

Prospective students who have the Ph.D. as their goal but who do not have either a B.A. or M.A. in Linguistics, should apply to the concurrent M.A./Ph.D. track. Concurrent M.A./Ph.D. applicants should apply to the M.A. program and specify in the personal statement that they wish to be considered for the M.A./Ph.D. track. Those who have either a B.A. or M.A. in Linguistics may apply directly to the Ph.D. program. Students applying to the concurrent M.A./Ph.D. track and the Ph.D. track have the same requirements for admission.

Students admitted to the concurrent track typically earn their M.A. in Linguistics, although in some cases they may earn it in a cooperating graduate M.A. program. Currently, the Linguistics Program has such a cooperative agreement with the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Applicants for the concurrent track in the Linguistics Program and another program must submit separate applications to each academic unit. The personal statement to each program should specify that they are applying for the concurrent track in both programs.

Successful Ph.D. applications will include a clear and detailed articulation of the student's research interests, strong alignment between these interests and the training and mentorship provided by the program, and evidence of academic excellence based on the writing sample, transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

Deadlines

- **Priority Deadline** (for Ph.D. applicants who wish to be considered for an assistantship): December 15
- **Final Application Deadline** (for applicants who do not seek an assistantship): May 1

Applications Accepted for These Semesters

- Summer Semester
- Fall Semester