

<b>USC SCHOOL</b>	Dornsife College of Letters, Arts & Sciences
<b>ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT</b>	Linguistics
<b>GRADUATE PROGRAM</b>	M.A. in Language Sciences
<b>POST CODE</b>	1875
<b>TERM EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	Spring 2022

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

A brief description of the graduate program.

The Progressive Degree Program in Language Sciences will enable USC's highest-achieving undergraduate linguists to pursue ongoing graduate study at the University. We hope to offer them the necessary training to enter the workplace at a high level of skill, academic maturity & responsibility. Linguistics is a relatively small department which is divided into several sub-disciplines, some of which offer too few graduate courses to create a track for the students to follow. Rather than oblige them to stay within a narrow or even discontinuous track, the Linguistics Dept. will allow its M.A. students to tailor their graduate training to the exigencies of their career path, selecting among 24 courses.

**COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS**

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Linguistics	Linguistics and East Asian Lgs. and Cultures
Computational Linguistics	
Linguistics and Philosophy	
Linguistics and Cognitive Science	

**PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
	To begin graduate study, a USC B.A in Linguistics (or one of the combined majors listed immediately above) is required.	Required	
	Within the degree requirement, any TWO of the four courses listed below (Ling 401, 402, 403, and 415) must be taken in order to qualify for the Progressive M.A. program.	2 are required	8 in total

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS**

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
Ling 401	Advanced Phonology	4
Ling 402	Advanced Syntax	4
Ling 403	Advanced Semantics	4
Ling 415	Phonetics	4

**CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)**

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

*If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk (\*) and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title**	Units**
Ling 530	Generative Syntax	3
Ling 531ab	Phonology	3
Ling 534	Semantics	3
Ling 535	Syntax and Grammatical Theory	3
Ling 536	Advanced Semantics	3
Ling 537	Advanced Syntax	3
Ling 540	Field Methods in Linguistics	3
Ling 547	Morphology	3
Ling 573	Sociolinguistics	3
Ling 576	Psycholinguistics	3
Ling 579	Child Language Development	3
Ling 580	General Phonetics	3
Ling 581	Topics in Advanced Phonology	3
Ling 582	Experimental Phonetics	3
Ling 585	Computational Linguistics	3
Ling 586	Advanced Psycholinguistics	3
Ling 594 *	Master's Thesis	4
Ling 595	Directed Readings	1 - 4

Ling 602	Seminar in Experimental Methods in Linguistics	3
Ling 631	Seminar in Phonological Theory	3
Ling 632	Seminar in Phonetics	3
Ling 635	Seminar in Syntax	3
Ling 636	Seminar in Semantics	3
Ling 676	Seminar in Psycholinguistics	3
	<b>**Any combination of these courses, totaling 24 units, is acceptable**</b>	

**PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK**

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

0	<b>TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE</b>
0	<b>TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE</b>

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**TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS**

24	<b>TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE</b>
8	<b>TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)</b>
16	<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE</b>

**NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT**

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

Only USC Linguistics Department majors (including our combined majors) may apply to this program. Applicants must have achieved a 3.5 average in Linguistics courses, and a 3.0 average overall.

Any combination of the above-listed graduate courses, totaling 24 units, will be accepted. There are no courses that are specifically designated as electives, and only one that is specifically designated as a requirement: the Master's thesis, Ling 594 (4 units).

There is no preferred pathway through the courses. Students are allowed to choose the ones that will do the most to enhance their research capabilities and increase their prospects for employment.

Due to a registration technicality, Linguistics graduate courses count for 3 units, not the usual 4 units, though they are every bit as rigorous as 4-unit courses.

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**Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean:** Samuel Steinberg **Date Approved:** May 12, 2022

Interim College Dean of Graduate Education

**Authorizing Dean's Title**