



University College Dublin
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MA Linguistics (One Year Full Time)

The MA in Linguistics at University College Dublin introduces students to current research approaches, methods and theories in core areas of Linguistics and in a range of areas of Applied Linguistics. Students acquire fundamental skills in linguistic analysis and their effective application to a wide range of language-based phenomena. It develops critical transferrable skills such as academic communication, autonomous individual and group learning and project design. The programme nurtures essential academic values such as systematic

and empirically-based investigation and critical reflection and promotes the importance of trans-disciplinary and multi-method approaches to exploring language phenomena. The program provides a flexible learning environment in that it encourages students to identify and pursue their own research interests. Modules apply a range of teaching and learning approaches and are taught by experienced academic staff. The MA in Linguistics may be completed over twelve months (full-time) or over twenty-four months (part-time).

Why study at UCD?



Tradition

Established 1854, with 160 years of teaching & research excellence



Global profile

UCD is ranked in the top 1% of higher education institutions worldwide



Global community

Over 7,000 international students from over 120 countries study at UCD



Global careers

Degrees with high employability; dedicated careers support; 1 year stay-back visa



Safety

Modern parkland campus with 24 hour security, minutes from Dublin city centre

Taught by internationally recognised experts

The MA in Linguistics is offered by the School of Languages, Cultures & Linguistics. It is a multi-disciplinary school with an international teaching and student body with a strong focus on trans-disciplinary engagement. The MA in Linguistics provides solid grounding in core areas of Linguistics and allows students to explore a range of options in Applied Linguistics.

Course Content and Structure

90 credits
taught masters

60 credits
taught modules

30 credits
dissertation

Course structure:

The 90-credit taught Masters consists of taught modules (60 credits) and a thesis (30 credits). Students take modules in the core areas of Syntax, Phonology, Sociolinguistics and Corpus Linguistics. A further two elective modules are selected from a list that includes (but is not limited to) Minority Languages, Language Impairment, Global English, Human Language Technologies and a selection of post-graduate modules on TESOL and language acquisition. Students discuss the elective choices with the Programme Director; other options are possible with the agreement of the module coordinator and

the MA Programme Director. Each taught module, both core and option, involves a combination of classwork of two hours a week and independent study of about six hours a week over a twelve week period.

In Semester 2 students complete a Literature Review module designed to lay the groundwork for their MA thesis which is then the focus of Semester 3 (end of May to mid-August). The MA in Linguistics is completed over three semesters as a full-time programme, while the part-time programme takes place over five semesters.



Career Opportunities

The program provides relevant qualifications for students who seek employment in a broad range of language related jobs or a professional career in linguistics and related fields.

UCD has a very active careers and internship unit that students can avail of. It also provides training for a range of employment relevant skills such as the writing applications, job interviews and skills assessment.



Graduate Profile

Alexandra Tant, USA

UCD has a reputation for being one of Europe's top universities, so it wasn't a difficult choice to come to Ireland after I was accepted here. I appreciated being able to study so close to Dublin's city centre, and with such enthusiastic and engaged professors. I feel that I benefitted from studying something very unfamiliar: for some students, engaging with a subject that challenges us to work in areas where we're not yet completely confident can be a very positive experience. Rather than involving myself in subjects that have been my strength in the past, I took a chance on Linguistics and gained a new toolbox of thinking strategies. I thought that studying language and its structure, use and meaning in context could contribute to a broader understanding of human behavior, ideology and perception. Linguistics certainly fulfilled those expectations! I only studied at UCD for one year, but I had the most wonderful professors and lecturers. All of them made themselves very available to me – to go over a tricky lesson outside of class time, to advise me on final essays and exams and even for a chat about their interests and own histories with the same materials the other students and I were studying in our modules.

Assessment

Students' work is assessed using a variety of methods including reports, essays, data analysis, individual and group presentations and projects, and written exams.

Apply Now

Applications should be made via the UCD on-line application systems. Students are welcome to contact the Head of Subject of Linguistics for information on the programme.

Entry Requirements

- This programme is suitable for applicants with a BA in any area.
- Students should have achieved a 2.1 or equivalent. Applicants with the 2.2 will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (normally no band, especially writing, less than 6.5), or equivalent. The School is willing to accept applicants who achieve an overall IELTS 6.0 or equivalent with no band lower than 5.5 on condition that they complete a six-week pre-session English language course in the UCD Applied Language Centre attaining an overall C+ with no band lower than C.

International Fees and Scholarships

UCD offers a number of postgraduate scholarships for full-time, self-funded international students, holding an offer of a place on a Masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/international/scholarships-and-funding/ for further information. Additional funding opportunities are provided on a case-by-case basis by the School of Languages, Culture & Linguistics, subject to availability.

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