MA in Linguistics (part time)

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

The **MA in Linguistics** offers advanced training in core areas of linguistics and provides four pathways for students to choose from: **conversion**, **general**, **formal** and **sociolinguistics**.

Part-time students will complete 180 credits in total over the course of two years.

In your **first year** you will complete 60 credits, and will be taking mainly compulsory modules, depending on the structure of the chosen pathway. Only the General, Formal and Sociolinguistics pathways have optional modules in the first year.

In your **second year** you will take your remaining 60 credits of compulsory and optional modules, and complete a 60-credit dissertation.

The Linguistics programme offers the following pathways:

Conversion: suitable for students who have little or no undergraduate training in linguistics. Provides postgraduate level introduction to the main sub-fields of linguistics.

General: Suitable for students who have studied linguistics at undergraduate level, but who choose not to specialize in formal or sociolinguistics at this stage. An especially exciting option for students who wish to explore topics at the interface between the two (e.g. sociosemantics or formal approaches to variation).

Formal: suitable for students who have studied linguistics at undergraduate level, and who wish to specialize in syntax, semantics and/or morphology. Provides the opportunity to participate in events organized by the Formal Linguistics Research Group (e.g. a reading group, one-off workshops and London Semantics Day).

Sociolinguistics: suitable for students who have studied linguistics at undergraduate level, and who wish to specialize in sociolinguistics. Provides the opportunity to participate in events organized by the Sociolinguistics Research Group (e.g. reading groups, book clubs, training events and the Jenny Cheshire Lecture).

Preparatory Reading, MA in Linguistics
(* indicates more introductory texts. We suggest that you start with these and then move on to some of the others depending on time and interest.)

Conversion pathway
*Adger, D. (2019). *Language Unlimited: The Science Behind Our Most Creative Power*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Ashby, P (1995) *Speech Sounds*. London: Routledge
Elbourne, P. (2011). *Meaning: A Slim Guide to Semantics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
*Fromkin, V., Rodman, R., & Hyams, N. (2013). *An Introduction to Language*. Wadsworth Publishing. (Especiallly Chapter 1 'Morphology', Chapter 3, 'Syntax' Chapter 4, 'Phonetics', Chapter 5, 'Phonology')
Hayes, B. (2008). *Introduction to Phonology*. Wiley Blackwell.
Mesthrie, Rajend, Joan Swann, Andrea Deumert, and William L. Leap. 2009. *Introducing sociolinguistics,* 2nd ed. Philadelphia: John Benjamins.
Meyerhoff, Miriam. 2011. *Introducing sociolinguistics*, 2nd edition. London: Routledge.

Specialisation in Sociolinguistics
*Chambers, J. (2009). *Sociolinguistic Theory*, Revised edition. Oxford: Blackwell.
Duranti, A. (1997). *Linguistic Anthropology* (Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
Johnstone, B. (2000). *Qualitative Methods in Sociolinguistics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Ladefoged, P., & Johnson, K. (2010). *A Course in Phonetics*. Boston, MA: Wadsworth.
Milroy, L. & M. Gordon (2003). *Sociolinguistics: Method and Interpretation*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Specialisation in Formal Linguistics
*Adger, D. (2003). *Core Syntax*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Baker, M. (2002). *Atoms of Language: The Mind's Hidden Rules of Grammar.* New York: Basic Books.
Chomsky, N. (2002). *On Nature and Language*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
*Elbourne, P. (2011). *Meaning: A Slim Guide to Semantics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Heim, I. & Kratzer, A. (1998). *Semantics in Generative Grammar*. Oxford: Blackwell.

General pathway
Select from readings in sociolinguistics and formal linguistics as listed above.

For all pathways
Note: The following guides to research methods provide useful preparation for writing a dissertation in linguistics. Many chapters are relevant mostly for sociolinguistics and experimental research projects, but for guidance on research in formal linguistics, see the chapters on judgment data, fieldwork, and constructing and supporting a linguistic analysis in the Podesva & Sharma volume.

Litosseliti, Lia. 2018 (2nd ed). *Research Methods in Linguistics*. Basingstoke: Continuum.
Podesva, Robert, and Devyani Sharma (eds.) 2013. *Research Methods in Linguistics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

For further guidance, contact Linnaea Stockall, Convenor of the MA in Linguistics, l.stockall@qmul.ac.uk

MODULE REGISTRATION

How do I register for my modules?

You will register for your modules using MySIS. The Module Registration Task will become available to you after you have completed the Pre-Enrolment task. Please log in and select the 'Module Registration' option. Your core or compulsory modules may have already been pre-selected for you and they cannot be changed.

Before you start making module selections in MySIS please read the guidance below.

When you come to select the elective modules that you want to take you will be able to review the description of a module within MySIS by clicking on the module name.

It is not possible to submit or approve a partial module selection, so make sure you have selected modules from both Semesters.

Please submit your selections in MySIS by 4th September 2023.

Your submission will be considered after this date in the School's approval process and may not be confirmed until after the Induction Meeting, where you will also be allocated an academic adviser who can offer further advice on your choice of elective modules.

Some modules may become over or under subscribed, so you may be asked to change your selection at that time. You can request changes to approved modules within the first two weeks of Semester 1 using the same MySIS task.

To make this process easier, we will ask you to provide us with some reserve modules. When you submit your main selection of modules, MySIS will open a new screen for you to select your reserves. You will need to select the required number of reserve modules from each selection box to be able to complete the submission.

Please consider your reserve modules carefully and ensure they are modules you would be happy to take. We will make every effort to allocate you to your first-choice modules, but this may not always be possible.

Access to materials in QMplus (online learning environment) will be available within 24 hours of your module registration being approved.

My pathway

Please indicate your chosen pathway by completing a short online form for MA Linguistics Pathways. This is an important step because we will use this to determine that your module selections meet with your programme regulations.

Guidance on making your selections

The MA Convenor is offering one-to-one advising meetings over Zoom to discuss your pathway and module choices, before you make your selections in MySIS. To set up a meeting, please email Dr Linnaea Stockall (l.stockall@qmul.ac.uk) in advance of the 4th September deadline.

Please view the appropriate list of modules for your chosen pathway on the following pages before making your selections in MySIS.

Module descriptions are available from the QMUL Module Directory at **www.qmul.ac.uk/modules**.
Module timetables are published from 14th August at **timetables.qmul.ac.uk.**

MA in Linguistics [Conversion Pathway]
2023-2024

- Part-time students have no optional module choices to make during the first year of study.
- All modules taken in the first year of study are **compulsory** as shown on the list below.

SEMESTER 1		Selection	Credits
LIN7205	Introduction to Phonetics	Compulsory	15
LIN7213	Introduction to Sociolinguistics	Compulsory	15
SEMESTER 2		Selection	Credits
LIN7204	Introduction to Phonology	Compulsory	15
LIN7207	Introduction to Syntax	Compulsory	15

Please complete the Pathway Form by 4 September 2023

MA in Linguistics [General Pathway]
2023-2024

- Part-time 1st year students will take the module marked on the list below as Compulsory (LIN7027).
- You will **choose one Compulsory Elective** module (either LIN7002 or LIN7209) in Semester 1.
- You will also **choose 30 credits of optional modules** in Semester 2 from the selection of modules below marked as Optional.
- Modules with codes ending in 'P' are level 6 options from the undergraduate BA programme. No more than two level 6 (L6) options may be taken as part of the overall programme. Places may be capped.

SEMESTER 1		Selection	Credits
LIN7027	Trends in Linguistic Research	Compulsory	15
LIN7002	Sociolinguistic Theory	Comp Elective	15
LIN7209	Syntax	Comp Elective	15
SEMESTER 2		**Selection**	**Credits**
EAL7202	Second Language Acquisition	Optional	30
LIN7007	From Morpheme to Meaning	Optional	15
LIN7010	Sociophonetics	Optional	15
LIN7014	Research Practicum	Optional	15
LIN7016	Understudied Languages and Linguistic Theory	Optional	15
LIN7023	Research Methods in Sociolinguistics	Optional	15
LIN7034	Multilingualism and Bilingualism	Optional	15
LIN7039	Introduction to Experimental Linguistics	Optional	15
LIN7053	Applying Linguistics in the Real World	Optional	15
LIN7204	Introduction to Phonology	Optional	15
LIN7212	Directed Study in Linguistics	Optional	15
LIN6046P	Meaning in the Real World	Optional	15 (L6)
LIN6203P	Constructing a language	Optional	15 (L6)
LIN6205P	Developmental Disorders of Language and Cognition	Optional	15 (L6)

Please complete the Pathway Form and submit your selections using the Module Registration Task in MySIS by 4 September 2023

MA in Linguistics [Sociolinguistics Pathway]
2023-2024

- Part-time 1st year students will take all modules marked on the list below as Compulsory.
- You will **choose 30 credits of optional modules** (15 in Semester 1 and 15 in Semester 2) from the selection of modules below marked as Optional.
- Modules with codes ending in 'P' are level 6 options from the undergraduate BA programme. No more than two level 6 (L6) options may be taken as part of the overall programme. Places may be capped.

SEMESTER 1		Selection	Credits
LIN7002	Sociolinguistic Theory	Compulsory	15
LIN7019	Sex, Gender and Language	Optional	15
LIN7059	Beyond Language: Multimodality in Theory and Practice	Optional	15
LIN7205	Introduction to Phonetics	Optional	15
LIN7209	Syntax	Optional	15
LIN7210	Formal Semantics	Optional	15
LIN7211	Directed Study in Linguistics	Optional	15
LIN6209P	Coding for Linguists	Optional	15 (L6)
SEMESTER 2		**Selection**	**Credits**
LIN7023	Research Methods in Sociolinguistics	Compulsory	15
LIN7007	From Morpheme to Meaning	Optional	15
LIN7010	Sociophonetics	Optional	15
LIN7014	Research Practicum	Optional	15
LIN7016	Understudied Languages and Linguistic Theory	Optional	15
LIN7034	Multilingualism and Bilingualism	Optional	15
LIN7039	Introduction to Experimental Linguistics	Optional	15
LIN7053	Applying Linguistics in the Real World	Optional	15
LIN7204	Introduction to Phonology	Optional	15
LIN7207	Introduction to Syntax	Optional	15
LIN7212	Directed Study in Linguistics	Optional	15
LIN6046P	Meaning in the Real World	Optional	15 (L6)
LIN6203P	Constructing a language	Optional	15 (L6)
LIN6205P	Developmental Disorders of Language and Cognition	Optional	15 (L6)

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MA in Linguistics [Formal Linguistics]
2023-2024

- Part-time 1st year students will take all modules marked on the list below as Compulsory.
- You will **choose 15 credits of optional modules in Semester 2** from the selection of modules below marked as Optional.
- Modules with codes ending in 'P' are level 6 options from the undergraduate BA programme. No more than two level 6 (L6) options may be taken as part of the overall programme. Places may be capped.

SEMESTER 1		Selection	Credits
LIN7209	Syntax	Compulsory	15
LIN7210	Formal Semantics	Compulsory	15
SEMESTER 2		**Selection**	**Credits**
LIN7007	From Morpheme to Meaning	Compulsory	15
LIN7010	Sociophonetics	Optional	15
LIN7014	Research Practicum	Optional	15
LIN7016	Understudied Languages and Linguistic Theory	Optional	15
LIN7023	Research Methods in Sociolinguistics	Optional	15
LIN7034	Multilingualism and Bilingualism	Optional	15
LIN7039	Introduction to Experimental Linguistics	Optional	15
LIN7053	Applying Linguistics in the Real World	Optional	15
LIN7204	Introduction to Phonology	Optional	15
LIN7212	Directed Study in Linguistics	Optional	15
LIN6046P	Meaning in the Real World	Optional	15 (L6)
LIN6203P	Constructing a language	Optional	15 (L6)
LIN6205P	Developmental Disorders of Language and Cognition	Optional	15 (L6)

Please complete the Pathway Form and submit your selections using the Module Registration Task in MySIS by 4 September 2023