

UP DEPARTMENT
OF
LINGUISTICS

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
LINGUISTICS

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PALMA HALL

ABOUT THE

department of linguistics



dedicated to the **scientific study,
preservation & promotion**
of Philippine languages & dialects

The Department of Linguistics under the University of the Philippines Diliman College of Social Sciences and Philosophy was established on August 28, 1922, with Trinidad H. Pardo de Tavera as its first chairperson.

He was immediately succeeded by Otto Johns Scheerer, who also founded *The Archive*, the official publication of the Department.

The primary aim of the Department since its founding has been the scientific study, preservation, and promotion of Philippine languages and dialects through teaching, research, and publication.

As a CHED Center of Excellence in Foreign Languages, it is also dedicated to improving the teaching of national languages in Asia according to the needs of the Filipino people.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT research agenda



The UP Department of Linguistics has five areas of focus as part of its research agenda, all of which reflect the Department's institutional mandate, current research activities, as well as future disciplinary trajectories.

Philippine Structural and Historical Linguistics

This area deals with the collection and analysis of linguistic data from Philippine languages in an attempt to adequately describe their grammatical components such as sound, syllable, phrase, and sentence. The linguistic data gathered in the duration of the research under this domain may also be utilized to provide answers to the problems encountered by current approaches to linguistic inquiry. It also seeks to study how these languages developed over time and how they are related to each other, thus giving insights into the history not only of words (etymology), but of the speech communities as well.

Philippine Linguistic Geography

The area aims to describe patterns of linguistic variation over a geographic space in the context of the Philippines. By undertaking research on dialectology, contact linguistics, and language vitality, this area takes into account the changes in the components of language that are subject to geographic and social variation. In particular, it seeks to determine the effects of language contact in a multilingual country like the Philippines, which is home to a dynamic and constantly migrating population.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT research agenda

Comparative Studies of Filipino and Other Asian Languages

The objective of this area is to solve linguistic issues and enhance pedagogy, translation, and interpretation in Filipino and other Asian languages by looking at the similarities and/or differences of their phonological, morphosyntactic, and semantic systems.

Entanglements of Philippine Linguistics with Other Disciplines

This area attempts to use multi-, inter-, and trans-disciplinary approaches to the study of Philippine languages by doing collaborative work with other disciplines. The research projects done under this area will generate more holistic and insightful ideas on the languages of the Philippines and the communities that speak them.

Asian Language Teaching Methods

The research projects undertaken within this area shall focus on describing linguistic structures of Asian languages and how to effectively utilize linguistic knowledge to improve the teaching of these languages. Various methods in the teaching of foreign languages shall be considered in order to identify successful techniques in teaching Asian languages within and outside the University.



MASTER OF ARTS LINGUISTICS

The MA in Linguistics program places emphasis on the theoretical components of linguistics and equips students with advanced knowledge of contemporary linguistic theories and methodologies, which may be applied in conducting critical analyses of language structure, variation, change, and the social dimensions of language use. The program also focuses on the documentation and description of Philippine languages and dialects, as well as studies on their historical development.

Current students and graduates of our MA program have successfully conducted research that focus on language documentation and description, lexicography, diachronic linguistics, syntax, morphology, phonology, semantics, dialectology, ethnolinguistics, sociolinguistics, and comparative linguistics.



MA IN LINGUISTICS

program requirements



Students in the MA in Linguistics program are required to complete 33 units of course work (27 units of core courses and 6 units of cognate courses in linguistics or in other related disciplines).

A bachelor's degree in linguistics is not required to be admitted into the MA in Linguistics program. Students who come from other disciplines are required to take Lingg 201 (The Science of Linguistics), where they must obtain a grade of 1.5 or higher in order to continue the program.

CORE COURSES

Lingg 204	Phonology
Lingg 206	Grammatical Analysis I
Lingg 207	Grammatical Analysis II
Lingg 213	Diachronic Linguistics
Lingg 225	Field Methods in Linguistics
Lingg 245	Lexicography
LinggPil 280	Structure of a Philippine Language
LinggPil 285	Structural Comparison of Philippine Languages
Lingg 299	Seminar in Linguistics

MA IN LINGUISTICS program requirements

COGNATE COURSES

Lingg 214	Proto-Philippine & Proto-Austronesian
Lingg 230	Grammatical Theories
Lingg 240	Semantics
Lingg 241	Linguistics and Translation
Lingg 250	Sociolinguistics
Lingg 260	Psycholinguistics
Lingg 270	Ethnolinguistics
Lingg 290	Current Trends in Linguistics
LinggPil 271	Linguistics & Folklore

Note that cognate linguistics course offerings vary every semester, depending on the availability of the instructor who may teach them. Students may also take cognate courses from other related disciplines, subject to the approval of the program adviser.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

All MA students are required to submit a certificate of proficiency in a language for research. The language for research is ideally a language that the student can use in their studies and research. It may be any language other than English, Filipino, and the student's native language(s).

Fulfillment of the LPE should be done as early as possible (around the end of the second year of residence in the graduate program). You should discuss first with your program adviser your proposed language and your plan in complying with this requirement.



MA IN LINGUISTICS

program requirements



MASTER'S THESIS

The master's thesis is the culmination of a student's graduate work. It is a significant new contribution to scientific knowledge, written in a style acceptable to a wide community of scholars.

After completing their coursework and fulfilling the language proficiency requirement, MA students are required to enroll in a 6-unit thesis course (Lingg 300), where they will write a master's thesis on their chosen research topic under the supervision of an appointed thesis adviser.

A set of University rules and procedures are followed, from the conceptualization of the thesis proposal to the submission of the final thesis manuscript. A student must successfully defend their thesis proposal at least one semester before the final oral thesis defense.

MA IN LINGUISTICS

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Upon admission to our graduate programs, and during the orientation to new graduate students, you will be given a study plan based on your own timeframe in finishing the program and in accordance with the prescribed period set by the College. Please refer to the template study plans below to give you an idea of the study load required to successfully pursue a graduate program offered by our Department.

MA IN LINGUISTICS STUDY PLAN (FULL-TIME)

PRESCRIBED PERIOD TO FINISH THE PROGRAM: 5 YEARS

YEAR	SEMESTER	WITH NO LINGUISTICS BACKGROUND		WITH LINGUISTICS BACKGROUND	
		Course	Total No. of Units	Course	Total No. of Units
I	1st	Lingg 201 Cognate	6.0	Lingg 213 Cognate	6.0
	2nd	Lingg 204 Lingg 206 LinggPil 280	9.0	Lingg 204 Lingg 206 LinggPil 280	9.0
	Midyear Term	Lingg 225	3.0	Lingg 225	3.0
II	1st	Lingg 207 Lingg 213 LinggPil 285	9.0	Lingg 207 LinggPil 285 Cognate	9.0
	2nd	Lingg 245 Lingg 299 Cognate	9.0	Lingg 245 Lingg 299	6.0
III	1st	Lingg 300*	3.0	Lingg 300*	3.0
	2nd	Lingg 300**	3.0	Lingg 300**	3.0

*Expected output: Successful thesis proposal

**Expected outputs: Successful oral defense and bound copies of thesis manuscript

MA IN LINGUISTICS

PROGRAM OF STUDY

MA IN LINGUISTICS STUDY PLAN (PART-TIME)

PRESCRIBED PERIOD TO FINISH THE PROGRAM: 5 YEARS

YEAR	SEMESTER	WITH NO LINGUISTICS BACKGROUND		WITH LINGUISTICS BACKGROUND	
		Course	Total No. of Units	Course	Total No. of Units
I	1st	Lingg 201 Cognate	6.0	Lingg 213 Cognate	6.0
	2nd	Lingg 204 Lingg 206	6.0	Lingg 204 Lingg 206	6.0
	Midyear Term	Lingg 225	3.0	Lingg 225	3.0
II	1st	Lingg 207 Lingg 213	6.0	Lingg 207 Cognate	6.0
	2nd	Lingg 245 LinggPil 280	6.0	Lingg 245 LinggPil 280	6.0
III	1st	LinggPil 285 Cognate	6.0	LinggPil 285 Lingg 299	6.0
	2nd	Lingg 299	3.0	Lingg 300*	3.0
IV	1st	Lingg 300*	3.0	Lingg 300*	3.0
	2nd	Lingg 300**	3.0		

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

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The PhD in Linguistics program focuses on Philippine linguistics and promotes research on Philippine languages to address language-related issues and needs of the country. The program is designed to provide students with a broad knowledge of linguistic studies that have been done on Philippine languages and hone their ability to apply various research methods in order for them to conduct original linguistic research.

Current students and graduates of our PhD program have successfully conducted advanced research that focus on language documentation and description, lexicography, diachronic linguistics, field linguistics, phonology, morphology, syntax, dialectology, ethnolinguistics, sociolinguistics, and comparative linguistics.



PHD IN LINGUISTICS

program requirements



Students in the PhD in Linguistics program are required to complete at least 30 units of course work in linguistics and 6 units of cognate courses.

Students who come from a different discipline are also required to take Lingg 201 in their first semester in the program. They must obtain a grade of 1.5 or higher in this course in order to continue in the program. They will also be required to take Lingg 206, Lingg 225, LinggPil 280, and LinggPil 285 in addition to the PhD (300-level) courses.

CORE COURSES

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| LinggPil 302 | History of Linguistics in the Philippines |
| LinggPil 345 | Lexicography in the Philippines |
| LinggPil 346 | Grammatical Analysis of Philippine Languages |
| LinggPil 365 | Diachronic Comparison of Philippine Languages |
| LinggPil 366 | Typological Comparison of Philippine Languages |
| LinggPil 380 | Dialectology in the Philippines |
| LinggPil 385 | Subgrouping of Philippine Languages |
| LinggPil 390 | Selected Problems in Philippine Linguistics |
| Lingg 396 | Seminar on Grammatical Theories |
| Lingg 399 | Research |

PHD IN LINGUISTICS program requirements

COGNATE COURSES

Lingg 301	History of Linguistics
Lingg 335	Transformational Grammar
Lingg 386	Linguistics in Southeast Asia
LinggPil 360	Psycholinguistics in the Philippines
LinggPil 370	Sociolinguistics in the Philippines
LinggPil 375	Ethnolinguistics in the Philippines

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LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

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PHD IN LINGUISTICS program requirements



COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

PhD students are required to take a comprehensive examination after completing their coursework in the program. The comprehensive exam is a written examination designed to test the students' mastery of the discipline, which they would have acquired during their coursework. It will test the students in the following three areas: Synchronic Linguistics, Diachronic Linguistics, and Cognate (to be determined by the adviser). The exam may be taken upon the students' completion of coursework, submission of a certificate of proficiency in the language for research, and obtaining a CWAG of 1.75 or better.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

In their final year in the program, PhD students are required to enroll in the 12-unit course for dissertation research and writing (Lingg 400). PhD students are required to submit and defend their dissertations in order to complete the program. The research that PhD students should undertake throughout their stay in the program must be centered on Philippine languages.

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	2nd	Lingg 206 LinggPil 280 Cognate	9.0	LinggPil 346 LinggPil 365 LinggPil 380	9.0
	Midyear Term	Lingg 225	3.0		
II	1st	LinggPil 285 LinggPil 302 LinggPil 345	9.0	LinggPil 366 LinggPil 385 LinggPil 390	9.0
	2nd	LinggPil 346 LinggPil 365 LinggPil 380	9.0	Lingg 396 Lingg 399 Cognate	9.0
III	1st	LinggPil 366 LinggPil 385 LinggPil 390	9.0	Comprehensive Examination	
	2nd	Lingg 396 Lingg 399	6.0	Lingg 400*	6.0
IV	1st	Comprehensive Examination		Lingg 400**	6.0
	2nd	Lingg 400*	6.0		
V	1st	Lingg 400**	6.0		

*Expected output: Successful dissertation proposal

**Expected outputs: Successful oral defense and bound copies of dissertation manuscript

PHD IN LINGUISTICS PROGRAM OF STUDY

PHD IN LINGUISTICS STUDY PLAN (PART-TIME)

PRESCRIBED PERIOD TO FINISH THE PROGRAM: 8 YEARS

YEAR	SEMESTER	WITH NO LINGUISTICS BACKGROUND		WITH LINGUISTICS BACKGROUND	
		Course	Total No. of Units	Course	Total No. of Units
I	1st	Lingg 201 Cognate	6.0	LinggPil 302 LinggPil 345	6.0
	2nd	Lingg 206 LinggPil 280	6.0	LinggPil 365 LinggPil 380	6.0
	Midyear Term	Lingg 225	3.0		
II	1st	LinggPil 285 LinggPil 302	6.0	LinggPil 366 LinggPil 385	6.0
	2nd	LinggPil 346 LinggPil 365	6.0	LinggPil 346 Lingg 396	6.0
III	1st	LinggPil 345 LinggPil 366	6.0	LinggPil 390 Cognate	6.0
	2nd	LinggPil 380 Lingg 396	6.0	Lingg 399 Cognate	6.0
IV	1st	LinggPil 385 LinggPil 390	6.0	Comprehensive Examination	
	2nd	Lingg 399 Cognate	6.0	Lingg 400*	6.0
V	1st	Comprehensive Examination		Lingg 400**	6.0
	2nd	Lingg 400*	6.0		
VI	1st	Lingg 400*	6.0		

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opportunities

TEACHING ASSOCIATE/FELLOW

MA and PhD students can apply to become a Teaching Associate (TA) or Teaching Fellow (TF) of the Department, respectively. TA/TF helps faculty conduct classes while prioritizing their studies. Students in this position are also expected to do research, attend conferences and publish their work.

Those interested can email the Department or wait for a call for TA/TF.

GRADUATE/RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Graduate students can participate in research projects conducted by the Department's faculty and staff by applying as a graduate or research assistant (GA or RA).

The Department posts announcements for available GA and RA positions on its social media pages and the Department website. You can also email your professors directly to inquire if you can volunteer to assist in any of their research so that you can gain more experience and learn by observing closely how our faculty and staff conduct research.

FUNDING SUPPORT

Funding Support

- Thesis & Dissertation Grants - The grant, which is administered by the UP Diliman Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development, aims to assist in the completion of MA/MS thesis or doctoral dissertation of UP Diliman faculty and REPS that will lead to a graduate degree. The grant supports thesis and dissertation work in any academic discipline.
- Travel Grant for Research Presentation In International Conferences - The UP Office of International Linkages (OIL) offers financial assistance to enrolled graduate students to be able to present their research at international conferences.
- The ALEC Grant for Graduate Students - The Asian Languages Extramural Classes (ALEC) Grant awards free ALEC slots to enrolled graduate students in the MA and PhD in Linguistics programs of the Department preparing for their Language Proficiency requirement.
 - Requirement: Endorsement from the Program Adviser and approval of Chair
 - Termination of grant: Grant ends upon successful completion of a Language Proficiency Test

NOTE: Awarding of ALEC grants is on a first-come, first-served basis, and subject to availability of slots in the desired Asian language extramural class. A graduate student may only apply for one (1) class per cycle.

admission process

- Admission to all programs under the Department is conducted during the first semester only. The application period for First Semester A.Y. 2024-2025 will end on 28 June 2024.
- Interested applicants to the MA in Linguistics program are required to have an average grade of 2.5 or higher in their bachelor's degree program.
- Interested applicants to the PhD in Linguistics program are required to have an average grade of 1.75 or higher in their master's degree program.
- Applicants may come from different disciplines.
- Applicants who pass the initial desk review of their application may be called by the Graduate Program Admissions Committee of the Department for an interview.
- Foreign applicants whose first language is not English or Filipino should present a certificate of language proficiency in English or in Filipino.
- Please follow the Department's website at linguistics.upd.edu.ph or Facebook page at fb.com/UPLinguistics for announcements. Contact the CSSP Office of the Graduate Program at ogpcssp.upd@up.edu.ph for the complete list of application requirements.



admission process



REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Upload the documentary requirements to the application portal accessible through this link: <https://bit.ly/linggradapp>

- Accomplished graduate program application form with passport-size ID picture attached (download the form at https://bit.ly/GradProg_AppForm)
- Application Letter addressed to:
Prof. Ruth R. Lusterio-Rico, PhD
Dean, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Transcript of Records or True Copy of Grades
- Recommendation letters from three (3) former professors or employers.
The recommendation letters must be sent by the recommenders directly to linguistics.upd@up.edu.ph
- PSA-authenticated birth certificate
- For MA applicants - a two-page research plan detailing what the applicant intends to work on for their master's thesis
- For PhD applicants - a research proposal detailing what the applicant intends to work on for their doctoral dissertation (the guidelines for writing the research proposal is available at [Upload the documentary requirements to the application portal accessible through this link: https://bit.ly/PhDResearchProp](#))
- Proof of payment of application fee

admission process



APPLICATION FEE PAYMENT

Applicants should contact the CSSP Office of the Graduate Program via email at ogpcssp.upd@up.edu.ph to get up-to-date information on requirements and application fee procedures. Below is the general procedure for local applicants, but these may be subject to change according to the regulations of the UP Cash Office.

Over-the-Counter Cash Payment For Local Applicants

The application fee of Php 100 may be paid at the UP Diliman Cash Office located at PNB Building, Apacible Street, inside the UP Diliman Campus.

Online Payment For Local Applicants

Online payment may be done through the Landbank LinkBiz Portal at <https://www.lbp-eservices.com/egps/portal/index.jsp>

- Merchant Name: University of the Philippines Diliman
- Transaction Type: Application Fee
- Choose your payment option, fill in the required fields, and follow the instructions in the online portal

Do not forget to get and present your proof of payment and send this along with your application form and other required documents.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 28 JUNE 2024

Contact Details

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