Graduate Coursework in Applied Linguistics

An Information Guide

2009

Masters of Applied Linguistics
Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics
Welcome
Welcome to the Applied Linguistics Program in the School of Language Studies at ANU. Applied Linguistics is a thriving area that covers a wide variety of topics. Some of you will be doing the shorter one-year full-time program (the Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics) and some of you will be here for two years (Masters of Applied Linguistics) and will be doing your own research. Some of you are also doing the program part-time, and so will be taking even longer. Regardless of how long you are here for, you will all be studying a variety of topics, ranging from understanding language structure (e.g. grammar and sounds) to understanding discourse (how we talk); or from understanding language policy to finding out how languages are learnt and what is the best way to teach them. Regardless of what exactly you are studying and how long you are here for, we welcome you all to our Program.

Understanding your program structure

All information about your program is on the web. However, you are encouraged to discuss the structure of your program at least twice per year. It is your responsibility to make an appointment with the Graduate Convenor of Applied Linguistics (Dr Johanna Rendle-Short [Johanna.Rendle-Short@anu.edu.au](mailto:Johanna.Rendle-Short@anu.edu.au)) prior to the commencement of each semester, in early February and early July. At that meeting the convenor will discuss with you your overall program, including possible course options, thesis topics and supervision. The convenor is your first point of call for any concerns or information about the applied linguistics program.

Expectations
It is expected that all students will attend all lectures and tutorials. There is also a fortnightly opportunity to talk about linguistics and your course (Linguistics Talk) to the convenor and to other students. There are also a number of other activities occurring throughout the year. A document listing all the seminars and activities in the Linguistics, Languages and Cultures Graduate Field for 2009 will be made available early in the semester.

Lectures and tutorials
All coursework graduate students are expected to attend lectures and tutorials regularly and to complete all assessment items. For most of your courses you will be having lectures with other students who might be doing other programs (e.g. undergraduate degrees, Honours programs, or other graduate programs). Generally speaking, you will do some work together (e.g. lectures), but you will do some work in smaller groups (e.g. graduate tutorials). Graduate assessment is different to other assessment and so it is your responsibility to ensure that you fully understand the requirements of the course.

Linguistics Talk
Every fortnight you will have the opportunity to talk to your convenor and other graduate students about linguistics, applied linguistics and your course. We generally meet to have tea or coffee (place to be announced) and to talk about a variety of issues. We invite guests to come and talk to us and through Linguistics Talk it is also possible to arrange for special visitors and guest events. (For example, students often find it very useful to arrange for a library tutorial to make it easier to search for and retrieve documents.) Linguistics Talk provides a forum for all graduate students doing
linguistics or applied linguistics coursework, including Masters, Graduate Diploma staff and Honours students in the graduate programs of Linguistics, Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies. Linguistics Talk is held every second Friday from 2.30 – 4 pm (Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11). Come to the seminar room on the third floor, BPB W3.03, in Week 1 (Friday 27th February) for the first meeting.

**SLS Seminar Series**
The School of Language Studies seminar series is held on Mondays at 4pm. Please email Johanna.Rendle-Short@anu.edu.au to ensure that you are on the mailing list.

**Linguistics, Languages and Culture Seminar series**
Linguistics, Languages and Culture Seminar series is a larger monthly seminar series held on Fridays from 3.30 – 5pm. When these seminars are held, they overlap with Linguistics talk, so we will all attend together. Again, please email Johanna.Rendle-Short@anu.edu.au to ensure that you are on the mailing list.

**Courses offered in 2009**
Full time students will enrol in 3 courses per semester. Although there are compulsory courses for each Program, you have a lot of flexibility in terms of which courses you would like to complete. It is therefore important to discuss your course options with the Convenor of the Applied Linguistics Program as early as possible. It may be that you can replace some of the compulsory courses with elective courses that better suit your research program.

**Compulsory courses for Part A of Masters (or Graduate Diploma) offered in 2009**

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**Compulsory courses for Part B of Masters offered in 2009**

| Course Code    | Course Title                           | Lecturer       |
| LING6509       | Research Design in (Applied) Linguistics | Dr Johanna Rendle-Short |
| LING8001       | Graduate Reading Course                | Your supervisor |

**Elective courses offered in 2009**

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Gradings
The University has the following grading system for individual courses:

- **High Distinction**: 80% and above
- **Distinction**: 70-79%
- **Credit**: 60-69%
- **Pass**: 50-59%
- **Fail**: Below 50%

If you do not complete all assessment items, you are deemed to have failed the course.

Some administrative information
Some of you are doing the Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics and some of you are doing the Masters of Applied Linguistics. However, in case you have not realised, the Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics is equivalent to Part A of the Masters of Applied Linguistics.

In order to proceed from Part A to Part B of the Masters Program, you must pass each of your six courses at your first attempt, and achieve an overall average equivalent of distinction (minimum 70%) or better, and achieve at least a credit level (minimum 60%) in all courses. If you are completing a Graduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics and wish to convert to Part A of the Masters Program (if you are eligible), you must do the conversion BEFORE you take out the Graduate Diploma. In other words, you only receive the Graduate Diploma if you are finishing your studies at that time and do not intend continuing onto Part B of the Masters Program.

Students are responsible for enrolling in their courses. You do this on the computer, through ISIS. For students who need to enrol in their thesis component, you will need to firstly work out the relevant LING course code for the number of units of thesis you intend enrolling in.

- **LING7101** is the code for 6 units of thesis (This one looks as if it is just for part time students (P/T). However it is also for full time students who only need to do 6 units of thesis.)
- **LING7102** is the code for 12 units of thesis
- **LING7103** is the code for 18 units of thesis
- **LING7104** is the code for 24 units of thesis

Once you have worked out the relevant course code, you will need a ‘permission code’. To get this, you will need to email the convenor of Applied Linguistics.
(Johanna.Rendle-Short@anu.edu.au), who will then ask the graduate administrator (Lyn Boyer) to give you the permission code. You use this ‘permission code’ on ISIS when you are prompted.

**Staff in the Applied Linguistic Program**
The Applied Linguistics program has 2 staff members, Dr Johanna Rendle-Short (Convenor of the Applied Linguistics Program) and Dr Louise Jansen (half-time).

However, while doing your coursework component, you may do courses with a number of additional staff members: Professor Anna Wierzbicka, Dr Phil Rose, Dr Cynthia Allen, Dr Jennifer Hendriks, Dr Avery Andrews, Dr Harold Koch, Dr Kevin Windle. For information about staff members, please go to [http://arts.anu.edu.au/languages/linguistics/linguistics_staff.asp](http://arts.anu.edu.au/languages/linguistics/linguistics_staff.asp)

**Finding a supervisor**
For students enrolled in Part B of the Masters of Applied Linguistics, you will be completing a sub-thesis of 20,000 to 25,000 words (24 units). You should begin to think about possible thesis topics as early as possible during your degree, and start talking to possible thesis supervisors before you commence Part B. It should be noted that the choice of topic will depend on the availability of an appropriate supervisor.

Different staff have different research interests. As part of deciding what exactly you would like to research for your Masters sub-thesis you should consult different staff, keeping in mind that some staff may not be able to take you on as a graduate student if they have too many supervisees. Once you have a good idea of what exactly you would like to research and you have discussed it with your potential supervisor, you should make an appointment with the Convenor of the Applied Linguistics Program. Ideally this will occur prior to your commencement of Part B of the Masters Program.

**Research interests of staff interested in applied linguistics**

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Foreign language learning curriculum development
Contemporary Latin-American literature

Jennifer Hendriks
Language planning and policy
Language Contact
Historical Sociolinguistics

Louise Jansen
Second Language Acquisition, specifically:
- Data-based theoretical research
- Processability Theory
- Syntax and morphology
- Acquisition in instructed settings
- The roles of implicit and explicit learning
Linguistic analysis of German
For more details of publications and research interests please go to [http://arts.anu.edu.au/languages/linguistics/LouiseJ.asp](http://arts.anu.edu.au/languages/linguistics/LouiseJ.asp)

Daniel Martin
Language Maintenance and Shift
The Spanish-speaking Community in Australia
Social aspects of the teaching of languages in Australia
Spanish sociolinguistics
The use of creative writing and theatre in teaching languages
Research design

Louise Maurer
Relationship between image and language: in particular image literacy and discourse on images from multidisciplinary perspective in the teaching and learning of languages and cultures.
Culture and literature across cultures and art forms.
Culture in language: in particular - inter and cross cultural representations.
Insights into the interface between theoretical discourses, teaching and learning to write in a foreign language
For more details of publications and research interests please go to [http://arts.anu.edu.au/languages/French/louise.asp](http://arts.anu.edu.au/languages/French/louise.asp)

Johanna Rendle-Short
Analysis of Discourse
Conversation Analysis
Applied Conversation Analysis
Language and Society
Interactional Sociolinguistics
Issues of gender, sexuality, identity

Gabriele Schmidt
The teaching of German as a Foreign Language
Language teaching in higher education
For more details of publications and research interests please go to [http://arts.anu.edu.au/german_studies/Homepage/gaby.htm](http://arts.anu.edu.au/german_studies/Homepage/gaby.htm)

Kevin Windle
Translation studies
Chekhov, Pushkin
For more details of publications and research interests please go to http://arts.anu.edu.au/languages/russian/kevin.asp

The sub-thesis
You will write a sub-thesis of 20,000 to 25,000 words (24 units) under the supervision of your supervisor. You and your supervisor will arrange to have regular meetings throughout the year. The final submission date for the sub-thesis is (in effect) when the next semester starts again. This means that you can take right up to the beginning of the next semester and for those who need it, you can even take right up until the HECS census date of the next semester. If you want to hand in at the last possible moment (the HECS census date), you will need to enrol for that semester and then once you have handed in your thesis for examination, you will need to cancel your enrolment, so that you are not charged fees. This is because you cannot hand in your thesis for examination unless you are an enrolled student.

You should hand in your thesis to the Faculty Office. (If you are interested in applying for a PhD scholarship the following year, you should discuss this with your supervisor as you may need to hand in your thesis a bit earlier).

Examination of the sub-thesis will be undertaken by two examiners (excluding the supervisor). One of the examiners must be external to the University. In the event of a substantial difference of opinion between the two examiners, a third examiner may be appointed on the recommendation of the Head of School.

Additional information
The School of Language Studies has a graduate study area on the second floor of the Baldesin Precinct Building. It may be that there is room available for full-time Part B Masters students who are writing their theses, although this cannot be guaranteed. If you are interested in having space in the graduate room, you should talk to the Convenor of the Applied Linguistics Program and the Graduate Administrator.

All graduate students are encouraged to use the Linguistics Library on the second floor of the Baldesin Precinct Building, and the tea room which is next door to the library. Staff and students often meet in the tea room on Monday afternoon at 3.30pm for afternoon tea. You are very welcome to join. (It is only 20 cents for tea and biscuits.)

Key dates to remember in 2009
23 February Semester 1 teaching begins
14 March Fees due (HECS/DTF/ISF)
31 March Semester 1 census date – last date for changing courses
10 – 24 April Teaching break
20 July Semester 2 teaching begins
8 August Fees due (HECS/DTF/ISF)
30 August Semester 2 census date – last date for changing courses
28 Sept – 9 Oct Teaching break

Useful contacts for 2008
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