

Republic of the Philippines  
SOUTHERN LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Languages, Literature & Humanities

**MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS**  
Proposed Curriculum

**A. Foundation Courses** (12 units)

| Code     | Subjects  | Units | Tentative Faculty |
|----------|---|-------|-------------------|
| AS501    | Advanced Statistics                                     | 3     | V. Oblefias       |
| LING501  | Foundation of Linguistics                               | 3     | N. Oblena         |
| LING502  | Critical Survey of Language<br>& Communication Theories | 3     | A. Abuel          |
| LING503a | Research Methods in Applied Linguistics                 | 3     | J. Radovan        |

**B. Major Courses** (18 units)

| Code  | Subjects   | Units |               |
|-------|--|-------|---------------|
| AL501 | Structure of Language I: Phonetics & Phonology                                 | 3     | M. Mopera     |
| AL502 | Structure of Language II: Morphology & Syntax                                  | 3     | J. Radovan    |
| AL503 | Semantics & Discourse Studies  | 3     | N. Guinto     |
| AL504 | Sociolinguistics & Literature  | 3     | M. Mopera     |
| AL505 | Contrastive Rhetoric   | 3     | S. Manzanilla |
| AL506 | Contemporary Issues & Problems in Language,<br>& Literature in the Philippines | 3     | A. Devanadera |

**C. Elective Courses** (6 units or any 2 of the following)

|       | Subjects                                     | Units |  |
|-------|--|-------|--|
| AL507 | Psycholinguistics                            | 3     | S. Manzanilla  |
| AL508 | Language, Pedagogy & Gender                  | 3     | S. Manzanilla  |
| AL509 | Linggwistiks ng Pilipinas                    | 3     | C. Caja  |
| AL510 | Language & Literature Teaching & Testing     | 3     | A. Abuel   |
| COMM  | Communication and Media Discourse Stylistics | 3     | B. Villaverde/ K. Friginal   |
| CL    | Comparative Literature                       | 3     | M. Nada  |
| FL    | Foreign Language                             | 3     | B. Villaverde (Mandarin)<br>K. Friginal (Japanese)<br>N. Guinto (German) |

**D. Research**

|       | Subject         | Units |
|-------|-----------------|-------|
| AS600 | Master's Thesis | 6     |

**Program Requirements:**

|                           |   |                 |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Foundation Courses        | - | 12 units        |
| Major Courses             | - | 18 units        |
| Electives                 | - | 6 units         |
| Comprehensive Examination |   | 0 units         |
| Research (thesis)         | - | 6 units         |
| <b>Total</b>              |   | <b>42 units</b> |

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| AL502 | Structure of Language II: Morphology & Syntax                                  | 3     |
| AL503 | Semantics & Discourse Studies  | 3     |
| AL504 | Sociolinguistics & Literature  | 3     |
| AL505 | Contrastive Rhetoric   | 3     |
| AL506 | Contemporary Issues & Problems in Language,<br>& Literature in the Philippines | 3     |

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| AL509 | Linggwistiks ng Pilipinas                    | 3     |
| AL510 | Language & Literature Teaching & Testing     | 3     |
| COMM  | Communication and Media Discourse Stylistics | 3     |
| CL    | Comparative Literature                       | 3     |
| FL    | Foreign Language                             | 3     |

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The MA in Applied Linguistics Program of the College of Arts and Sciences is a graduate degree that offers its students with advanced knowledge and skills in finding and solving language-related issues and problems in society.

***Entry & General Requirements***

1. A bachelor's degree in language, linguistics, communication, and other allied undergraduate courses from a recognized institution of higher learning, with a GWA of 2.0 or higher.
2. Non-language or communication graduates must pass a qualifying examination to be administered by the department upon completion of 12 units of coursework (Foundation of Linguistics, Critical Survey of Language & Communication Theories, Structure of Language I & II), OR take additional 6 units (2 courses) from the electives.
3. Students must maintain a GWA of 2.0 to stay in the program.
4. Foreign students who wish to enroll in the program, whose undergraduate courses were not taught in English, must pass a standardized test in English, and/or an English language proficiency exam administered by the department.

***Foundation Courses***

**AS 501      Advanced Statistics (3 units)**

Study of the statistical procedures and techniques with particular focus on the treatment/ analysis/ interpretation of data in social science research.

**LING 501    Foundation of Linguistics (3 units)**

Provides students with basic principles common to all languages and background concepts on the structure (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics) and aspects of language. This course concentrates on the survey of the entire field of linguistics and its allied disciplines, as well as recent developments in the area.

**LING 502    Critical Survey of Language & Communication Theories (3 units)**

Offers a critical perspective on theories in language and communication and their application to everyday life.

**LING503a    Research Methods in Applied Linguistics (3 units)**

This course discusses the research methods and techniques in Applied Linguistics, with emphasis on the appropriate steps in the preparation of a thesis. This includes orientation on the prescribed format of a thesis, on the selection of a problem, the basic characteristics of a research process and the preparation of a thesis proposal. As a final requirement, the student must defend a title and thesis proposal before a panel of experts.

## ***Major Courses***

### **AL501      Structure of Language I: Phonetics & Phonology (3 units)**

An analysis of the phonetic features and phonological structure and function of the sound patterns of language.

### **AL502      Structure of Language II: Morphology & Syntax (3 units)**

An analysis of the structure and function of words and sentence patterns in language. It explores the grammatical side of language, showing how the grammar of languages can be described and what the functions of such description are in linguistic analysis.

### **AL503      Semantics & Discourse Studies (3 units)**

The study of the meaning relations between words and larger grammatical units. It is also the study of discourse theories, corpus linguistics, functional linguistics, and critical analysis of structures larger than the sentence, such as, but not limited to, spoken and written "texts."

### **AL 504      Sociolinguistics & Literature (3 units)**

This course discusses the function of language in a multilingual context, techniques for studying levels of comprehension of second languages, language use and patterns, and language attitudes. It is also the study of the language of, and in, literature, and its relationship to society.

### **AL 505      Contrastive Rhetoric (3 units)**

Discusses the cross-cultural aspects of second language writing, and its relationship with translation studies, genre studies, and contrastive error analysis.

### **AL 506      Contemporary Issues and Problems in Language and Literature in the Philippines (3 units)**

Colloquium on language and literature problems and issues in the Philippines based on contemporary studies by leading local and foreign linguists and language scholars.

## ***Elective Courses***

### **AL 507      Psycholinguistics (3 units)**

The study of the psychological and neurobiological factors that enable humans to acquire, use, comprehend and produce language.

### **AL 508      Language, Pedagogy, and Gender (3 units)**

This course is the study and analysis of language used in the academe. It will likewise enable students to identify the linguistic features associated with gender-specific speech.

**AL 509      Linggwistiks ng Pilipinas (Philippine Linguistics) (3 units)**

Isang sayantipikong pag-aaral ng mga wika sa Pilipinas, na may pokus sa mga katangian nito, at mga paraan ng pangangalap ng datos at pagsusulat ng pag-aaral ng wika sa bansa.

(This course is the scientific study of languages in the Philippines, with emphasis on their general characteristics, as well as the methodologies of data gathering and writing studies on the languages of the country.)

**AL 510      Language & Literature Teaching and Testing (3 units)**

Discusses approaches in the teaching and assessment of reading and writing, listening and speaking, and literature, informed by theories on applied linguistics.

**COMM      Communication and Media Discourse Stylistics (3 units)**

This course discusses the principles and practices in communication and media discourse, including the critical analysis of such discourses and their influence in society.

**CL            Comparative Literature (3 units)**

A survey and comparison of significant Literature in the world, discussed in view of the theories of literary criticism.

**FL            Foreign Language (3 units)**

Provides students with basic, communicative, and reading competency in a foreign language.

**Research**

**AS 600      Master's Thesis (6 units)**

The writing of a thesis in partial fulfillment of the academic requirements for the MA program.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Year, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester |  |       |       |
|--|--|-------|-------|
| Code   | Description  | Units | Grade |
| LING 501                                       | Foundation of Linguistics                            | 3     | _____ |
| LING 502                                       | Critical Survey of Language & Communication Theories | 3     | _____ |
| AL 501   | Structure of Language I: Phonetics & Phonology       | 3     | _____ |
| TOTAL  |  | 9     |       |

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Year, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester                               |   |       |       |
|--|---|-------|-------|
| Code   | Description                                   | Units | Grade |
| AL 502   | Structure of Language II: Morphology & Syntax | 3     | _____ |
| AL 503   | Semantics & Discourse Studies                 | 3     | _____ |
| AL 504   | Sociolinguistics & Literature                 | 3     | _____ |
| TOTAL  |   | 9     |       |
| <sup>1</sup> Qualifying examination for non-language/communication graduates |   |       |       |

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Year, Summer |  |       |       |
|------------------------------|--|-------|-------|
| Code                         | Description  | Units | Grade |
|                              | Elective 1 <sup>2</sup>  | 3     | _____ |
|                              | Elective 2 <sup>2</sup>  | 3     | _____ |
| AL 506                       | Contemporary Issues & Problems in Language & Literature in the Philippines | 3     | _____ |
| TOTAL                        |  | 9     |       |

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester |   |       |       |
|--|---|-------|-------|
| Code   | Description                             | Units | Grade |
| AL 505   | Contrastive Rhetoric                    | 3     | _____ |
| AS 501   | Advanced Statistics                     | 3     | _____ |
| LING 503a                                      | Research Methods in Applied Linguistics | 3     | _____ |
| TOTAL  |   | 9     |       |
| <sup>3</sup> Comprehensive Examination         |   |       |       |

| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester |                 |       |       |
|--|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Code   | Description     | Units | Grade |
| AS 600   | Master's Thesis | 6     | _____ |
| TOTAL  |                 | 6     |       |

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<sup>2</sup> Students may take AL507, 508, 509, 510, COMM, CL, FL.

<sup>3</sup> Passing the Comprehensive Examination is required before taking AS 600.