



Master of Arts in Linguistics
(International Program)
Revised Program 2017
Program Structure

Curriculum Structure and Course Credits

The Master of Arts program in Linguistics is designed to be able to be completed in two years, although many students take longer to finish. The program must be completed within five years. The degree consists of 42 credits in the following manner:

Core Courses:

- All students must complete six (6) core courses, for a total of eighteen (18) credits.

Elective Courses:

- Students will select electives appropriate to their program of study in consultation with their program advisor.
- Students who choose the Thesis option (Plan A2) must choose four (4) elective courses, for a total of twelve (12) credits.
- Students who choose the Independent Study option (Plan B) must select six (6) elective courses, for a total of eighteen (18) credits.
- Both Thesis (Plan A2) students and Independent Study (Plan B) students must take elective courses from the following:
 1. At least one (1) three-credit course from any Group 1 (general electives)
 2. At least one (1) three-credit course from any Group 2 (advanced electives)
 3. From any Group 1 and/or Group 2 and/or any graduate level course offered by an accredited Payap University graduate program with the approval of the Linguistics Department administration.

Thesis or Independent study:

- To fulfill the graduation requirements, students must write a Thesis (Plan A2), or an Independent Study paper (Plan B).
 - Students who choose Plan A2 will write and defend a Thesis for a total of twelve (12) credits.
 - Students who choose Plan B will write and defend an Independent Study paper for a total of six (6) credits. Students who choose this option must first take a comprehensive examination.

Plan A2: Coursework and Thesis

Core Courses	18 credits
Elective Courses	12 credits
Thesis	12 credits
Total Number of Credits	42 credits

Plan B: Coursework and Independent Study

Core Courses	18 credits
Elective Courses	18 credits
Independent Study	6 credits
Total Number of Credits	42 credits

Plan A2: Coursework and Thesis

1. Core Courses **18 credits**

All students must complete six (6) core courses, for a total of eighteen (18) credits.

AL603 PHONOLOGICAL ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9)

AL605 GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9)

AL607 SEMANTICS 3 (3-0-9)

AL608 SOCIOLINGUISTICS 3 (3-0-9)

AL704 FIELD METHODS IN LINGUISTICS 4 (2-4-10)

(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)

AL706 LINGUISTIC DATA MANAGEMENT 2 (1-2-5)

(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)

2. Elective Courses **12 credits**

- Students who choose the Thesis option (Plan A2) must choose four (4) elective courses, for a total of twelve (12) credits.
- Both Thesis (Plan A2) students and Independent Study (Plan B) students must take elective courses from the following:
 1. At least one (1) three-credit course from any Group 1 (general electives)
 2. At least one (1) three-credit course from any Group 2 (advanced electives)
 3. From any Group 1 and/or Group 2 and/or any graduate level course offered by an accredited Payap University graduate program with the approval of the Linguistics Department administration.

Group 1 General Elective Courses **3 credits**

At least one (1) three-credit course from any Group 1 (general electives)

AL703 LINGUISTIC DESCRIPTION 3 (3-0-9)

(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)

AL710 HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE LINGUISTICS 3 (3-0-9)

(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)

AL711 ENDANGERED LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION (Prerequisites: AL 704, AL 706)	3 (3-0-9)
AL720 TEXT ANALYSIS (Prerequisite: AL 605)	3 (3-0-9)
AL722 LINGUISTIC PRINCIPLES OF TRANSLATION	3 (3-0-9)
AL730 LEXICOGRAPHY (Prerequisites: AL 605, AL 607)	3 (3-0-9)
AL732 PRINCIPLES OF LITERACY (Prerequisite: AL 603)	3 (3-0-9)
AL740 PHONETICS FOR FIELD LINGUISTICS	3 (2-2-8)
AL741 ANTHROPOLOGICAL LINGUISTICS	3 (3-0-9)
AL742 LANGUAGE SURVEY (Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 608)	3 (3-0-9)
AL751 CURRENT ISSUES IN LINGUISTICS	3 (3-0-9)
AL753 LINGUISTIC APPLICATIONS	3 (3-0-9)
Group 2 Advanced Elective Courses	3 credits
At least one (1) three-credit course from any Group 2 (advanced electives)	
AL712 ADVANCED GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS (Prerequisite: AL 605)	3 (3-0-9)
AL715 SEMINAR ON MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIAN LANGUAGE TYPOLOGY (Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)	3 (3-0-9)
AL723 TRANSLATION PRACTICUM (Prerequisites: AL 607, AL 722)	3 (3-0-9)
AL725 SEMINAR ON TRANSLATION AND COMMUNICATION (Prerequisites: AL 607, AL 722)	3 (3-0-9)
AL733 LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT METHODS (Prerequisite: AL 608)	3 (2-2-8)
AL735 SEMINAR ON LANGUAGE PLANNING AND LANGUAGE POLICY (Prerequisite: AL 608)	3 (3-0-9)
AL744 ADVANCED PHONOLOGY (Prerequisite: AL 603)	3 (3-0-9)
AL746 ADVANCED SEMANTIC ANALYSIS (Prerequisite: AL 607)	3 (3-0-9)
AL748 SEMINAR ON TEXT ANALYSIS (Prerequisite: AL 720)	3 (3-0-9)
AL750 SELECTED TOPICS IN LINGUISTICS	3 (3-0-9)
AL752 DIRECTED READING	3 (3-0-9)
3. Thesis	12 credits
Students who choose Plan A2 will write and defend a Thesis for a total of twelve (12) credits.	
AL799 THESIS	12 (0-0-36)
Total Number of Credits	42 credits

Plan B: Coursework and Independent Study**1. Core Courses****18 credits**

All students must complete six (6) core courses, for a total of eighteen (18) credits.

AL603 PHONOLOGICAL ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9)

AL605 GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9)

AL607 SEMANTICS 3 (3-0-9)

AL608 SOCIOLINGUISTICS 3 (3-0-9)

AL704 FIELD METHODS IN LINGUISTICS 4 (2-4-10)

(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)

AL706 LINGUISTIC DATA MANAGEMENT 2 (1-2-5)

(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)

2. Elective Courses**18 credits**

- Students who choose the Independent Study option (Plan B) must select six (6) elective courses, for a total of eighteen (18) credits.
- Both Thesis (Plan A2) students and Independent Study (Plan B) students must take elective courses from the following:
 1. At least one (1) three-credit course from any Group 1 (general electives)
 2. At least one (1) three-credit course from any Group 2 (advanced electives)
 3. From any Group 1 and/or Group 2 and/or any graduate level course offered by an accredited Payap University graduate program with the approval of the Linguistics Department administration.

Group 1 General Elective Courses**3 credits**

At least one (1) three-credit course from any Group 1 (general electives)

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(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 608)

AL751 CURRENT ISSUES IN LINGUISTICS 3 (3-0-9)

AL753 LINGUISTIC APPLICATIONS 3 (3-0-9)

Group 2 Advanced Elective Courses **3 credits**

At least one (1) three-credit course from any Group 2 (advanced electives)

AL712 ADVANCED GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9)

(Prerequisite: AL 605)

AL715 SEMINAR ON MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIAN LANGUAGE
TYPOLOGY 3 (3-0-9)

(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)

AL723 TRANSLATION PRACTICUM 3 (3-0-9)

(Prerequisites: AL 607, AL 722)

AL725 SEMINAR ON TRANSLATION AND COMMUNICATION 3 (3-0-9)

(Prerequisites: AL 607, AL 722)

AL733 LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT METHODS 3 (2-2-8)

(Prerequisite: AL 608)

AL735 SEMINAR ON LANGUAGE PLANNING AND LANGUAGE
POLICY 3 (3-0-9)

(Prerequisite: AL 608)

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(Prerequisite: AL 720)

AL750 SELECTED TOPICS IN LINGUISTICS 3 (3-0-9)

AL752 DIRECTED READING 3 (3-0-9)

3. Independent Study **12 credits**

Students who choose Plan B will write and defend an Independent Study paper for a total of six (6) credits. Students who choose this option must first take a comprehensive examination.

AL797 Independent Study 6 (0-0-18)

Total Number of Credits **42 credits**

Course Description:

1. Core Courses

AL 603 PHONOLOGICAL ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9) credits

The principles and methods for the analysis of linguistic sound systems, utilizing data from a variety of languages.

AL 605 GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9) credits

The principles and methods for the analysis of grammatical structures, both morphological and syntactic.

AL 607 SEMANTICS 3 (3-0-9) credits

The relationship between form and meaning at various levels of language.

AL 608 SOCIOLINGUISTICS 3 (3-0-9) credits

The structure and use of language in its social and cultural contexts with focus on multilingual situations.

AL 704 FIELD METHODS IN LINGUISTICS 4 (2-4-10) credits

(Pre: AL 603, AL 605)

Methods for collecting and analyzing language data in order to formulate hypotheses and then refine them in light of available data.

AL 706 LINGUISTIC DATA MANAGEMENT 2 (1-2-5) credits
(Pre: AL 603, AL 605)
Methods for managing, organizing, and presenting language data using computational tools.

2. Elective Courses

Group 1 General Elective Courses

AL 703 LINGUISTIC DESCRIPTION 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)

The application of analysis and argumentation to linguistic data. Practice in describing, discussing, and reporting on the findings of research in one or more specific languages.

AL 710 HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE LINGUISTICS 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)

The theoretical analysis of language change and methods for linguistic reconstruction with a focus on Asian languages.

AL 711 ENDANGERED LANGUAGE DOCUMENTATION 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisites: AL 704, AL 706)

The issues and methods of documenting endangered languages, including the use of technology, and ethics related to conducting research with human subjects.

AL 720 TEXT ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisites: AL 605)

Linguistic analysis of the structure of texts, including cohesion, coherence, prominence and other topics.

AL 722 LINGUISTIC PRINCIPLES OF TRANSLATION 3 (3-0-9) credits
Theory and practice of using linguistic principles for translation, resulting in translated texts that are characterized by clarity, accuracy, and naturalness.

AL 730 LEXICOGRAPHY 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisites: AL 605, AL 607)

The principles and methods necessary for the production of dictionaries, including the use of pertinent computer software tools.

AL 732 PRINCIPLES OF LITERACY 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisite: AL 603)

The linguistic, sociolinguistic and educational factors required to support reading and writing in a language community.

AL 740 PHONETICS FOR FIELD LINGUISTICS 3 (2-2-8) credits

Overview of speech sounds in languages of the world with special focus on the languages of Asia. Practice in the identification, pronunciation and transcription of speech sounds. Discussion of articulatory phonetics and basic acoustic phonetics and their application in descriptive linguistics.

AL 741 ANTHROPOLOGICAL LINGUISTICS 3 (3-0-9) credits
The interaction and influence of language and culture on each other, including the effect of world views in matters relating to language and culture.

AL 742 LANGUAGE SURVEY 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 608)

The theory and methodology for conducting language survey, including criteria for defining language and dialect boundaries, determining ethnolinguistic identity, and measuring levels of bilingualism as well as mutual intelligibility.

AL 751 CURRENT ISSUES IN LINGUISTICS 3 (3-0-9) credits
Recent trends in linguistics that are likely to influence the future development of the discipline, including evaluating differing theoretical perspectives.

AL 753 LINGUISTIC APPLICATIONS 3 (3-0-9) credits
The application of linguistics to other academic domains.

Group 2 Advanced Elective Courses

AL 712 ADVANCED GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisite: AL 605)

Advanced linguistic theory and its application to the morphological and syntactic structure of languages.

AL 715 SEMINAR ON MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIAN LANGUAGE TYPOLOGY
3 (3-0-9) credits

(Prerequisites: AL 603, AL 605)

Typological characteristics and distribution of linguistic structures in Mainland Southeast Asia.

AL 723 TRANSLATION PRACTICUM 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisites: AL 607, AL 722)

The application of translation methods, with practice in translating as well as checking and correcting translated material.

AL 725 SEMINAR ON TRANSLATION AND COMMUNICATION 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisites: AL 607, AL 722)

The theory of translation and communication, as built on insights derived from linguistics and related disciplines.

AL 733 LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT METHODS 3 (2-2-8) credits
(Prerequisite: AL 608)

Methods and factors that impact the ability of language communities to facilitate, manage and sustain their own language development programs.

AL 735 SEMINAR ON LANGUAGE PLANNING AND LANGUAGE POLICY
3 (3-0-9) credits

(Prerequisite: AL 608)

Practical social and linguistic issues relating to language development programs in multilingual societies.

AL 744 ADVANCED PHONOLOGY 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisite: AL 603)

Issues related to the advanced analysis of sound systems in languages, including current theories of phonology.

AL 746 ADVANCED SEMANTIC ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisite: AL 607)

Advanced theory and analysis of semantic units and their relationships, including current developments in semantic theory.

AL 748 SEMINAR ON TEXT ANALYSIS 3 (3-0-9) credits
(Prerequisite: AL 720)

Advanced analysis of the structure of texts at all levels of hierarchy.

AL 750 SELECTED TOPICS IN LINGUISTICS 3 (3-0-9) credits

Readings and discussion of selected linguistic topic(s), for example, a series of special topics by visiting lecturers, or deeper study into particular areas of interest.

AL 752 DIRECTED READING 3 (3-0-9) credits

Guided independent readings of a special linguistic topic.

3. Thesis

AL 799 THESIS 12 (0-0-36) credits

A more comprehensive research study in the topics on linguistics in order to discover and apply the new knowledge.

4. Independent Study

AL 797 INDEPENDENT STUDY 6 (0-0-18) credits

Independent research work in topics, specialized issues or problems related to linguistics in order to discover and apply new knowledge.