



Master of Arts Program in Linguistics  
(International Program)  
Revised Program 2565/2022

## Curriculum Structure and Course Credit

The M.A. (Linguistics) Department was founded in 1989 to meet the need for an English-speaking graduate program in the north of Thailand. The program is unique in Thailand in its emphasis on firsthand field research and application in the fields of translation, descriptive linguistics, and language development. The Linguistics Department seeks to develop students' knowledge, ability, and skills, so that they can assist heritage language communities in preserving and developing their own linguistic and cultural heritage within the national context.

The M.A. program requires a minimum of 39 total credit hours.

### **Plan A2: Thesis**

Students following Plan A2 (Thesis program) must complete three (3) core courses and at least six (6) elective courses including a required methods course with the minimum GPA of 3.00. In addition, students must write a thesis and publish the results or part of the results in a national or international journal in accordance with OHEC's Regulations on Criteria for

Selection of Academic Journals for Publication of Academic Works, OR present it at a conference where the full paper is published in the proceedings.

Students who follow **Plan A2 Thesis** are required to take the following courses:

Core courses	9 credits
Elective courses	18 credits (including methods course)
Thesis (AL 799)	12 credits
<b>Total 39 credits</b>	

### **Plan B: Independent Study**

Students following Plan B (Independent Study program) must complete three (3) core courses and at least eight (8) elective courses including a required methods course with the minimum GPA of 3.00. In addition, students must pass an oral comprehensive examination determined by a committee appointed by the Linguistics Department, successfully defend their Independent Study, and submit final copies of their Independent Study to the Linguistics Department. The Independent Study or part of the Independent Study will be distributed in a way that is accessible.

Students who follow **Plan B: Independent Study** are required to take the following courses:

Core courses	9 credits
Elective courses	24 credits (including methods course)
Independent Study (AL 797)	6 credits
<b>Total 39 credits</b>	

## Outline of Course Work

### Core Courses (9 credits)

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
AL 603	Phonological Analysis	3 (3-0-9)
AL 605	Grammatical Analysis	3 (3-0-9)
AL 608	Sociolinguistics	3 (3-0-9)

**Elective Courses (18-24 credits):** Students who follow Plan A2 (Thesis) must take at least 18 credit hours while those who select Plan B (Independent Study) must take at least 24 credit hours of the following courses:

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
AL 703	Linguistic Description	3 (3-0-9)
AL 704	Field <b>Methods</b> in Linguistics	4 (2-4-10)
AL 706	Linguistic Data Management	2 (1-2-5)
AL 707	Language Research <b>Methods</b>	3 (3-0-9)
AL 708	EthnoArts Applied Linguistic <b>Methods</b>	3 (3-0-9)
AL 710	Historical and Comparative Linguistics	3 (3-0-9)
AL 712	Advanced Grammatical Analysis	3 (3-0-9)
AL 713	Pragmatics	3 (3-0-9)
AL 715	Seminar on Linguistic Typology	3 (3-0-9)
AL 720	Discourse Analysis	3 (3-0-9)
AL 722	Linguistic Principles of Translation	3 (3-0-9)
AL 723	Translation Practicum	3 (3-0-9)
AL 724	Translation Technology	3 (3-0-9)
AL 725	Seminar on Translation and Communication	3 (3-0-9)
AL 730	Lexicography	3 (3-0-9)
AL 732	Principles of Literacy	3 (3-0-9)
AL 733	Language Development Methods	3 (3-0-9)
AL 734	Orthography Development	3 (3-0-9)
AL 735	Seminar on Language Planning and Language Policy	3 (3-0-9)
AL 736	Literacy Program Planning and Materials Development	3 (3-0-9)
AL 740	Phonetics for Field Linguistics	3 (3-0-9)
AL 741	Anthropological Linguistics	3 (3-0-9)

AL 742	Language Survey	3 (3-0-9)
AL 744	Advanced Phonology	3 (3-0-9)
AL 746	Semantics	3 (3-0-9)
AL 747	Seminar on Semitic Languages	3 (3-0-9)
AL 748	Discourse Analysis of Ancient Languages	3 (3-0-9)
AL 750	Selected Topics in Linguistics	3 (3-0-9)
AL 751	Current Issues in Linguistics	3 (3-0-9)
AL 752	Directed Reading	3 (3-0-9)
AL 753	Linguistic Applications	3 (3-0-9)
AL 754	Selected Topics in Language Development	3 (3-0-9)
AL 755	Academic Writing	3 (3-0-9)

## Study Plan

### Plan A2 (Thesis)

#### First Year, First Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
AL 603	Phonological Analysis	3 (3-0-9)
AL 605	Grammatical Analysis	3 (3-0-9)
AL 608	Sociolinguistics	3 (3-0-9)
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>

#### First Year, Second Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
	Elective course #1	3 (3-0-9)
	Elective course #2	3 (3-0-9)
	Elective course #3	3 (3-0-9)
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>

#### Second Year, First Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
	Elective course #4	3 (3-0-9)
	Elective course #5	3 (3-0-9)
	Elective course #6	3 (3-0-9)
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>

Second Year, Second Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
AL 799	Thesis	4 (0-0-36)
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

Third Year, First Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
AL 799	Thesis (Continuing)	4 (0-0-36)

Third Year, Second Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
AL 799	Thesis (Continuing)	4 (0-0-36)

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**Plan B (Independent Study)**

First Year, First Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
AL 603	Phonological Analysis	3 (3-0-9)
AL 605	Grammatical Analysis	3 (3-0-9)
AL 608	Sociolinguistics	3 (3-0-9)
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>

First Year, Second Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
	Elective course #1	3 (3-0-9)
	Elective course #2	3 (3-0-9)
	Elective course #3	3 (3-0-9)
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>

Second Year, First Semester

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	Elective course #4	3 (3-0-9)
	Elective course #5	3 (3-0-9)
	Elective course #6	3 (3-0-9)
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>

Second Year, Second Semester

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	Elective course #7	3 (3-0-9)
	Elective course #8	3 (3-0-9)
AL 797	Independent Study	6 (0-0-18)
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

Third Year, First Semester

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
AL 797	Independent Study (Continuing)	2 (0-0-18)
	Oral Comprehensive Exam	

Third Year, Second Semester

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
AL 797	Independent Study (Continuing)	2 (0-0-18)

## Selected Course Descriptions

**AL 603 Phonological Analysis** **3 CREDITS**

Study the principles and methods of analyzing linguistic sound systems.

**AL 605 Grammatical Analysis** **3 CREDITS**

Study the principles and methods of analyzing grammatical structures.

**AL 608 Sociolinguistics** **3 CREDITS**

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

**AL 704 Field Methods in Linguistics** **4 CREDITS**

Study the methods for collecting and analyzing language data to formulate hypotheses and then refine them considering available data.

**AL 706 Linguistic Data Management** **2 CREDITS**

Study the methods for managing, organizing, and presenting language data using computational tools.

**AL 707 Language Research Methods** **3 CREDITS**

This course provides an introduction to research design and methods for students interested in SE, EthnoArts, Literacy, Anthropology, or Sociolinguistic research.

**AL 708 EthnoArts Applied Linguistic Methods** **3 CREDITS**

This course offers training in Ethnomusicology and EthnoArts from both academic and applied perspectives.

**AL 710 Historical and Comparative Linguistics** **3 CREDITS**

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

**AL 720 Discourse Analysis** **3 CREDITS**

Study linguistic analysis of the discourse features, including coherence, discontinuities, information structure, prominence, pragmatic connectives, participant reference, and other topics.

**AL 736 Literacy Program Planning and Materials Development 3 CREDITS**

Learn to apply principles of literacy, sociolinguistic research, language development methodologies, and educational theories for relevant program planning and material production needed for a minority language literacy or multilingual education program.

**AL 746 Semantics**

**3 CREDITS**

Study the relationship between form and meaning at various levels of language.

**AL 755 Academic Writing for Linguistics**

**3 CREDITS**

Learn how to write formal written research proposals, abstracts, journal articles, academic conference presentations, and more extensive written works