

4/1 (combined-degree) BA / MA in Linguistics
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Linguistics offers a program that enables undergraduate Linguistics majors to obtain a BA and an MA in five years. This program is designed to provide academically talented students an opportunity to complete a bachelor's and a master's degree in a shorter period of time. The combined-degree program reduces the cost of both degrees. The program provides students with the intellectual tools needed for success in a wide variety of careers, as well as a background for moving onto a PhD program in linguistics or related fields.

Students enter the 4/1 program at the beginning of the senior year. The BA will be awarded after the successful completion of 33 hours of university course credit in Linguistics (120 undergraduate credit hours). Students enroll in four graduate level courses in their senior year. The students, thus, enter the graduate program with 12 regular graduate credit hours in Linguistics.

In the fifth year, students take 12 regular graduate credit hours in each academic semester. The quality of graduate training that the students receive is commensurate with that of a graduate student who enters our MA program after attaining a BA at another institution. Each student is assigned a faculty mentor/supervisor and one other faculty member who together constitute the student's supervisory committee.

Since students in the 4/1 program have a graduate classification, those receiving undergraduate scholarships or Pell grants should check with the provider of the funding to make sure that they will not lose eligibility.

Admission to the program is competitive. All students wishing to be considered for admission apply to the Department's Graduate Admissions Committee by **February 15 of the spring semester of their Junior Year** for either Fall admission of the same year (application in the 6th semester), or Spring admission of the following calendar year (application in the 5th semester). The Committee especially considers the students' performance in upper division linguistics courses. The application packet should include GRE scores, a statement of purpose, three letters of recommendation, and optionally, a writing sample. After a thorough review, the Committee will extend offers to the most qualified students by April 1. Admitted students need to complete a combined degree request form, available at www.admissions.ufl.edu/pdf/combdegreerequest.pdf. In order for admitted students to continue in the program after receiving their BA, they must have earned a 3.5 average in the four 5000 or 6000 level courses taken in their senior year.

The structure of the program is as follows:

| <i>Semester#</i> | <i>Fall admission to 4/1</i> | <i>Semester#</i> | <i>Spring admission to 4/1</i> |
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| 4 (Spring) | LIN 3010 | | |
| 5(Fall) | LIN3201;3460 | 4(Fall) | LIN3010 |

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| | 1 LIN4000-level class Take GRE | | Take GRE |
| 6 (Spring) | Apply to 4/1 by Febr 15 3 LIN4000-level classes | 5 (Spring) | Apply to 4/1 by Feb 15 LIN3201;3460 1 LIN4000-level class |
| 7 (Fall) | Enter 4/1 LIN 6323 (Phonology) LIN6501 (Syntax) | 6 (Fall) | 3 LIN4000-level classes |
| 8 (Spring) | LIN6401 (Morphology) LIN 6084 (Grad Research) Obtain BA degree (33 LIN credits) | 7 (Spring) | Enter 4/1 LIN6401 (Morphology) LIN 6084 (Grad Research) |
| 9 (Fall) | Enter grad school Comps (summer) Form committee 9 credits: Advanced (core) courses & LIN 6165/LIN6571 3 credit: Electives | 8(Fall) | LIN 6323 (Phonology) LIN6501 (Syntax) Obtain BA degree (33 LIN credits) |
| 10 (Spring) | 12 credits: (non-)Thesis, electives Obtain MA degree (36 credits) | 9 (Spring) | Enter grad school Form committee 9 credits: Advanced (core) courses & LIN 6165/LIN6571 3 credits: Electives |
| | | 10 (Fall) | Comps (summer) 12 credits: (non-)Thesis, electives Obtain MA degree (36 credits) |

Total: 36 Graduate hours and 33 undergraduate hours (12 hours shared).

36 credits total for MA:

12 credits: core (Syntax, Phonology, Morphology, Introduction to Graduate Research)

3 credits: advanced core (Issues in Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Historical)

3 credits: advanced (Phonetics II, Semantics II, Seminar in Language Variation, Topics in SLA etc.),

3 credits: either LIN6571-Structure of a Specific Language, or Lin6165 Field Methods.

2 years or equivalent of a foreign language (if not already fulfilled)
3 credits: LIN 6971 Master's research (for MA thesis candidates)
Remaining credits 15 (or less): Electives; (non-)thesis research

Since this is an MA, the Department's regulations regarding the degree will be applied (see above for required courses): students must receive a B or better in all required courses and pass the MA comprehensive written examination. Students can graduate either with an MA thesis or by taking the non-thesis option. 4/1 students complete the required 36 graduate credit hours and obtain an MA at the end of their fifth year.

Questions about this program should be referred to either the Undergraduate Coordinator (Edith Kaan, kaan@ufl.edu) or the Graduate Coordinator (Ratree Wayland, ratree@ufl.edu) at Linguistics.