

Department of Linguistics, California State University, Long Beach
APPLICATION TO GRADUATE PROGRAM IN LINGUISTICS

Applications to begin in Fall Semester [August] are due May 1
Applications to begin in Spring semester [January] are due November 1

_____ MA in Linguistics AND/OR _____ TESL Certificate Program
 To begin program in _____ Fall _____ Spring 2 _____

Options

Special Concentration
 General Linguistics
 Language and Culture
 Teaching English as a Second Language
 TESL Certificate

Code

LINGMA01 _____
 LINGMA02 _____
 LINGMA03 _____
 LINGMA04 _____
 ENGLCT02 _____

Instructions:

- **A completed application consists of this form, a separate personal statement; official transcripts from all institutions (3.0 GPA required); and a minimum of 3 letters of recommendation accompanied by the form in this application.**
- **Application to the Linguistics Department should be sent separately to the address at the end of this form.**
- **Application to graduate study at CSULB is required; see www.csumentor.com Please send a copy of the University application to the Department.**
- **Other requirements: a course in general linguistics: include a summary or syllabus; equivalency proof regarding other prerequisites is optional and may shorten the time needed to complete the program.**
- **Test results: GRE is not required; the Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement must be taken in the first semester.**
- **International students, please include results of TOEFL [Test of English as a Foreign Language], and TWE [Test of Written English] score.**
- **Submit a writing sample from an academic paper.**

Please type or print legibly the following information:

Name _____
Family Given Middle

Social Security # _____ [optional] CSULB ID # _____

E-mail Address _____

Local Address _____
Street

_____ City State Zip Country

Phone () _____ () _____

Permanent Address _____
Street

_____ City State Zip Country

Phone () _____ () _____

Colleges Attended:

	Name	Major	Degree & Year	GPA
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Explanation for GPA less than 3.0:

Personal Statement: Please write a summary of the following points, as relevant to your career goals, and attach on a separate page:

1. Interest in and knowledge of Linguistics as a field of study;
2. Educational background;
3. Home language background and experience with diverse languages and cultures,
4. Applied language experience or teaching experience,
5. Professional Experience
6. Research Experience
7. Your special interest in the degree or certificate, and professional goals

Please list below the courses you have completed in linguistics or language-related areas. You are not required to have completed course in this area in order to be accepted into the program, but it will help us in our evaluation if you will list whatever you have completed. Please indicate the level of the course (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Graduate), and add extra lines as needed.

Course Title	Level	Taken at	Year	Grade
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

* Have you taken and passed a university writing exam?

Please note:

You must apply separately to the University and to the Department of Linguistics. The University application is available on-line <http://www.csumentor.edu/>

Please send a copy of your University application along with the Department Application, Letters of recommendation and transcripts may be sent separately.

The Center for International Education receives University applications and support materials from international students. International applicants' deadlines for University are earlier: April 1 for starting in Fall, and October 1 for Spring of the following year.

Please indicate in your personal statement if you desire information regarding graduate student assistantships or other opportunities for financial support.

Important websites:

The University: <http://www.csulb.edu/>

The Department: <http://www.csulb.edu/depts/ling/>

University Graduate & Undergraduate Application: <http://www.csumentor.edu/>

Enrollment progress: <http://my.csulb.edu/>

BeachBoard: Course Information and
Linguistics Graduate Student Organization: <http://beachboard.csulb.edu/>

University Research: <http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/research/our/>

Mailing Address:

Chair, Linguistics Department, PSY 114
California State University, Long Beach
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840-0902

Email: mfinney@csulb.edu, xliang@csulb.edu, psimon@csulb.edu

Deadlines: May 1 for Fall—November 1 for Spring

Please sign and date your application

Signature _____

Date _____

Print your name below

Name _____
Family Given Middle

Prerequisites for the Master's of Arts in Linguistics

- 0) Intro. Linguistics (3 units): ANTHRO/LING 170, or equivalent
- 1) Language Acquisition (3 units): LING 329, or equivalent
- 2) Phonology (3 units): LING 420, or equivalent
- 3) Syntax (3 units); LING 421, or equivalent
- 4) Language Variation (3 units): one of the following:
Education Across Cultures LING 425; Historical Linguistics LING 426; Language and Culture LING 413; Language and Discrimination LING 472; Sociolinguistics and Schooling LING 379; Psycholinguistics LING 438, or equivalent
- 5) Language related courses (6 units), such as: Literature, Translation, Rhetoric
- 6) Language Other Than English (LOTE) (6 or 12 units; or fluency in a LOTE):
 - 6 upper-division units (300 level courses and above).
 - 12 unit route: lower-division units (below 300 level courses), approximately one year EACH of one Indo-European and one non-Indo-European language.
 - The LOTE requirements are waived if the student is a native speaker of a LOTE or can demonstrate professional use of a LOTE through, e.g., Peace Corps, schooling, business, etc.)

Courses in the TESOL Certificate: Department of Linguistics**Prerequisite**

170. Introduction to Linguistics (3)

Graduate Level

1. 329. Introduction to Language Acquisition (3)
2. 420. English Phonology (3), **or** 421. English Syntax (3)
3. 425. Education Across Cultures (3)
4. 460. TESL Composition (3) **or** 575 Literacy and Linguistics
5. 486. Theoretical Foundations of Language Minority Instruction: Practice (3)
6. 500. Educational Linguistics (3) **or** 561. Second Language Curriculum Development (3)
7. 562. Second Language Testing and Assessment (3)
8. 593. Practicum in TESL (3)

Student: please make 3 copies of pages the recommendation form below; print your name on the first line, sign appropriately and provide these forms to three persons who know and can comment on your academic or professional potential.

RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR APPLICANT TO CSULB GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN LINGUISTICS

APPLICANT: Name _____

Applying for _____ M.A. in linguistics AND/OR _____ Certificate in TESL
(Teaching English as a Second Language)

Please sign appropriate line:

I waive my right to see my letter if admitted to the program _____

I do NOT waive my right to see my letter if admitted to the program _____

EVALUATOR: Please assess the applicant's potential for graduate work. You may use the form provided and/or send a letter on letterhead. If you lack sufficient basis for a rating, please mark N/A. ***Please return recommendation directly to the Linguistics Department at the address on the following page.***

	EXCEL LENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	N/A
Ability to grasp new & abstract concepts					
Ability to plan & complete projects					
Skill in communication via spoken English					
Skill in communication via written English					
Ability to read & comprehend academic texts					
Ability to communicate & work with a group					
Ability to work with peers & students from diverse cultures					
Personal Reliability & Responsibility					
Perseverance toward goals					
Overall academic ability					
Potential for research					
Potential for teaching					

Overall, I believe the student is most likely to:

_____ Complete the program as an outstanding student

_____ Complete the program as a good student

_____ Have some difficulty completing the program

_____ Have considerable difficulty completing the program

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Position _____

Affiliation _____

Please indicate here or on a separate page:

1. Comment on the student's interest and abilities in language, experience with linguistics, and appropriateness for the program for which he or she is applying.

2. Please comment on any special skill or experience, especially related to linguistics, applied linguistics, other academic or life experience, which you have noticed that may be relevant to evaluation of the applicant?

3. Do you know of any reason why the student's G.P.A. or academic record is not a reasonable indicator of his/her academic ability?

4. Please include any other information you believe will help us in evaluating the applicant for academic and professional potential. Information on ethical and professional commitment and judgment would be helpful, if available.

5. If the applicant is not native speaker of English, please answer the following question:

In my judgment, the student:

- _____ has especially strong English skills
 _____ has skills that are good enough to do graduate work
 _____ should take some extra language work if admitted
 _____ should develop English skills further and reapply
 _____ is not likely to master English well enough for graduate work

(Please use a separate sheet, if possible)

Department: November 1st admission to Spring semester
Deadline May 1st admissions to Fall semester

Please send form and your letter to:
Dr. Malcolm A. Finney, Chair
Department of Linguistics, PSY114
California State University, Long Beach
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach CA 90840-0902

Or send by attachment to mfinney@csulb.edu