

**SCHOOL OF PHILOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS
MA IN LINGUISTICS**

The two-year MA degree in Linguistics covers the full breadth and depth of linguistics with courses including phonetics and phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics and communication, language acquisition, dialectology, corpus linguistics, social aspects of language use, historical linguistics, second language acquisition and teaching, educational linguistics, lexicography etc. Courses on a broad array of topics can be combined along thematic or disciplinary lines that interest you most. This allows you to focus on, for example, core theoretical areas (syntax, semantics, phonology), phonetic speech science, pragmatics and communication, language acquisition or Indo-European linguistics.

The MA in Linguistics welcomes students with a BA degree from all Departments of recognized Universities in Greece and abroad who are interested in high quality education specializing in Linguistics. The duration of study for the MA is 4 semesters (three semesters of courses and one semester for working on the MA dissertation). Apart from occasional visiting staff, all courses are offered in Greek.

Entry requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a Greek research university or from a research university abroad, equivalent to the level of a Greek academic Bachelor's degree
- English language proficiency (C1)
- Greek language proficiency (B2).

The admission procedure consists of:

- a written exam on three subjects, which are announced each year
- an interview
- the evaluation of each candidate's dossier submitted at the time specified by the announcement.

For further details see the MA's [Programme Statutes](#) (in Greek). Contact details are given below.

Context

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens is the oldest University in Greece and has the largest number of students of language-related subjects. The first chair in Linguistics was created 130 years ago and the Department of Linguistics was the first one in Greece offering a specialization in linguistics (1984).

The MA in Linguistics was founded in 2019, following previous MA courses offered by the Department of Linguistics. The first MA in Linguistics was offered as part of the MA “Koraes” in Philology, founded in 1995 and offering two specializations in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics. This MA was restructured in 2003 and 2014. The new structure with three compulsory and six optional courses was followed in the 2019 reorganization.

The MA in Linguistics focuses on general linguistics, covering a broad spectrum of theoretical approaches with a focus on fields that study both the linguistic system and language use. The methodologies covered include fieldwork, experimental techniques, including psycholinguistic research, and corpora. Students are encouraged to conduct empirical research with a theoretical background with an emphasis on the analysis of Greek.

This student profile allows the MA’s graduates to participate in research networks in Greece and abroad, while they pursue their own research agenda. Graduates are oriented to continue their studies on a doctorate level and/or enter the marketplace in the public or private sector in fields such as lexicography or language technology. Past graduates already work as full-time staff at Universities in Greece and abroad or in public research institutions (e.g. the Academy of Athens, the Institute of Language and Speech Processing), secondary education or the private sector (e.g. Patakis Dictionary).

As the MA in Linguistics focuses on Greek, it offers a comparative advantage to researchers of Greek that cannot be offered by related programmes outside Greece. The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens MA in Linguistics also offers the widest range of course options in theoretical and applied linguistics from all related programmes in Greece.

The MA in Linguistics has no tuition fees.

Programme structure

The MA in Linguistics follows the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS): each semester workload corresponds to 30 ECTS credit units with a total of 120 ECTS units for the course. Each course has a workload of 10 ECTS, corresponding to 250 hours of lectures, interactive teaching, literature study and analysis, exercises and essay writing, independent study etc. according to related requirements. The MA dissertation is credited with 30 ECTS credits.

List of courses offered

- Academic writing
- Analyzing spoken discourse
- Language contact
- Language processing
- Language acquisition
- Language change
- Language planning and language policies
- Corpus linguistics
- Corpus linguistics and psycholinguistics
- Grammaticalization
- Literacy: Communication in the oral vs. written continuum
- Cognitive linguistics
- Dialectology
- Mediated communication: Pragmatic and social aspect of electronic communication
- Bilingualism and second language acquisition
- L2/FL teaching: Teaching Greek as a second/foreign language
- Language processing and information retrieval
- Issues of discourse analysis I
- Issues of discourse analysis II
- Topics in language change
- Topics in sociolinguistics
- Topics in morphosyntactic analysis
- Topics in word and sentence semantics
- Topics in neurolinguistics
- Topics in phonetics
- Topics in phonology
- Historical-comparative linguistics: Theory and method
- L2/FL acquisition: Implications for teaching
- Critical discourse analysis
- Morphology
- Forensic linguistics
- Pragmatics
- Semantics
- Semiotics
- Syntax
- Language typology
- Formal semantics I
- Formal semantics II
- Philosophy of language
- Phonetics-Phonology
- Psycholinguistics and developmental disorders
- Digital humanities

Indicative timetable

Semester 1			
1	Research Methodology	compulsory	10
2	Pragmatics or Syntax	core options	10
3	Issues of discourse analysis I	optional	10
	Language acquisition	optional	10
Semester 2			
4	Morphology or Phonetics and Phonology	core options	10
5	Literacy: Communication in the oral	optional	10
6	vs. written continuum		
	Language change		
	Language contact	optional	10
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7	Language planning and language policies	optional	10
8	Grammaticalization	optional	10
9	Language and the brain	optional	10
	Topics in neurolinguistics	optional	10
Semester 4			
10	MA dissertation	compulsory	30

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