MA specialising in Applied Linguistics (01250300)

Department	School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Minimum duration of study	1 year
Total credits	180
NQF level	09

Programme information

On completion of the qualification the student should be able to:
a. demonstrate a sound understanding of the theoretical bases of applied linguistics.
b. utilise such theory to justify the design of a multiplicity of possible language interventions.
c. demonstrate an ability to do research in applied linguistics that can be used at advanced levels of enquiry.
d. apply the design principles encountered in the compulsory modules (specifically in the mini-dissertation) to design and justify a language solution or language solutions of their own design within
   multiple and varied contexts.

Admission requirements

1. A relevant honours degree with specialisation in a language, linguistics or a language-related discipline
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree

Examinations and pass requirements

Students will be required to successfully complete the mini-dissertation, each core module and each elective with a minimum of 50%.

Pass with distinction

Students who obtain an average of 75% across all modules and the mini-dissertation will pass with distinction.

Curriculum: Final year

Students must complete 4 core modules (20 x 4 = 80 credits) + 2 elective modules (2 x 20 = 40 credits) and the mini-dissertation (60 credits) = 180 credits.
Please contact the department to confirm the availability of elective modules.

Core modules

Mini-dissertation 850 (ALS 850) - Credits: 60.00
Theory of applied linguistics 851 (ALS 851) - Credits: 20.00
Language curriculum and course design 852 (ALS 852) - Credits: 20.00
Language testing and assessment 853 (ALS 853) - Credits: 20.00
Language policy and planning 854 (ALS 854) - Credits: 20.00

Elective modules

Language technology 855 (ALS 855) - Credits: 20.00
Second language acquisition 857 (ALS 857) - Credits: 20.00
Corpus linguistics 858 (ALS 858) - Credits: 20.00
Advanced terminology 859 (ALS 859) - Credits: 20.00
Sociology of language 860 (ALS 860) - Credits: 20.00
Writing centre theory and practice 861 (ALS 861) - Credits: 20.00
Writing fiction and fact 862 (ALS 862) - Credits: 20.00
Introduction to sociocultural linguistics 863 (ALS 863) - Credits: 20.00
Reimagining the teaching of academic literacies in a changing global space 864 (ALS 864) - Credits: 20.00
Lexicography 851 (LEX 851) - Credits: 20.00

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Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.