

Master of Applied Linguistics (Honours) (MALH) - MAppLing(Hons)

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should [contact us](#).

| | On-campus | Distance education |
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| Campus: | Toowoomba | - |
| Fees: | Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place | Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place |

Notes:

This program does not qualify you for teacher registration with relevant teaching authorities. If you are interested in a program that enables you to qualify for teacher registration, please refer to the [Graduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching](#).

Contact us

Current students

Telephone 1800 007 252 (within Australia freecall), +61 7 4631 2285 (from outside Australia), email usqassist@usq.edu.au or submit a question via [USQAssist](#).

Program objectives

The Master of Applied Linguistics (Honours) will provide students who possess demonstrated academic and professional competence, the opportunity to study at an advanced level in specific areas related to language education.

On completion of this program, students will have demonstrated the ability to:

- critically analyse relevant professional issues affecting current educational practices in the area of applied linguistics and language learning and teaching
- locate and critically assess the relevance and value of recent research in the area of applied linguistics and language learning and teaching
- acknowledge and rationalise the importance of legal and ethical considerations in the conduct and evaluation of research
- plan clear research designs and select and use appropriate methods of treatment in significant research projects
- develop, present and defend research proposals and conclusions to supervisors and fellow students
- design, develop and implement a research study in their chosen area of specialisation.

Admission requirements

Normal Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the Master of Applied Linguistics (Honours) applicants must:

- (1) have completed an undergraduate degree and completed an education qualification, or a Bachelor of Education (four-year degree), or an equivalent four-year qualification in education
- (2) have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement in their previous undergraduate studies (GPA of 5.8 or higher)
- (3) have an acceptable level of relevant professional experience, which normally would include two years of involvement in professional education or equivalent activities, with a record of appropriate professional achievement and leadership.

Special Admission Requirements

Where candidates do not meet the above criteria, but are deemed to have equivalent qualifications and experience, they may gain entry into the program. Depending on their background such 'special entry' candidates may be required to pursue additional background studies in second language education to a maximum of two units as determined by the Dean in consultation with the Program Coordinator.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. [Full fees](#) vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay [full fees](#). Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The Master of Applied Linguistics (Honours) program requires the completion of a total of 12 units of coursework and research. Students should choose eight courses from the list of offerings below, four of which are compulsory, FET8801 or [EDR8000 Foundations of Contemporary Educational Research Methods](#), [LIN5000](#), [LIN8001](#) and [LIN5002](#). The remaining four units will comprise the thesis.

Note: Minimum enrolment numbers apply to all courses. Should enrolments not meet the minimum number required, students may be transferred to a different mode or offering and advised of this change prior to semester start.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 5 years to complete this program.

Exemptions

Exemptions will be granted for relevant studies successfully completed at postgraduate level in the last five years and may be considered for studies successfully completed in the last 10 years. The maximum exemptions granted will be not more than half of the required courses for the program.

Other information

Assessment

Assessment of the coursework courses will involve one or more of the following: written assignments, take-home examinations, reflective journal keeping, seminar presentation (where appropriate), report writing, development of work courses, questionnaires, marking schemes, etc. as appropriate to each course. In addition, students will be required to write a thesis/dissertation.

The thesis will conform to the regulations and procedures for research projects as outlined in the [University Calendar Part 4.4 and 4.5](#).

Recommended enrolment pattern

Note: Minimum enrolment numbers apply to all courses. Should enrolments not meet the minimum number required, students may be transferred to a different mode or offering and advised of this change prior to semester start.

| Course | Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied | | | | | | Enrolment requirements | Comments |
|--|--|------|----------------|------|--------------|---------|--|------------------------------|
| | On-campus (ONC) | | External (EXT) | | Online (WEB) | | | |
| | Year | Sem | Year | Sem | Year | Sem | | |
| Three compulsory courses | | | | | | | | |
| LIN5000 The Nature of Language | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1, 3 | 1 | 2 | | |
| LIN8001 Principles of Second Language Learning | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1, 2 | | | | |
| LIN8002 Methodology in Teaching a Second Language | | 1, 2 | | 1, 2 | | | OE | previously LIN5002 |
| Choose four electives from the list below | | | | | | | | |
| LIN5003 Syllabus Design and Materials Writing | | | 1 | 1, 2 | | | | |
| LIN8005 Discourse Analysis | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1, 2 | | | OE | |
| LIN8006 Computer-Assisted Language Learning | | 2 | 2 | 1, 2 | | | | |
| LIN8007 Language Testing | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2, 3 | | | | |
| LIN8015 Introduction to Sociolinguistics | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1, 2 | | | | |
| LIN8016 | | | | | 2 | | Pre-requisite: LIN8006 | |
| LIN8017 Bilingualism and Bilingual Education | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| Compulsory courses | | | | | | | | |
| EDR8000 Foundations of Contemporary Educational Research Methods | | | | | 2 | 1, 2, 3 | | previously FET8801 |
| LIN9012 | | | | | | | | For continuing students only |
| LIN9013 | | | | | | | Pre-requisite: LIN9012 | For continuing students only |

Footnotes

OE Before enrolling in this course students must check that they have satisfied the 'Recommended prior study' or 'Other enrolment' requirements set out in the Other requisites section of the course specification.

Notes:

Students cannot proceed to [LIN8002 Methodology in Teaching a Second Language](#) previously [LIN5002](#) unless they have successfully completed [LIN5000](#) and [LIN8001](#). Students are required to complete [LIN5000](#) and [LIN8001](#) before they enrol in [LIN5003](#).