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M.A. in Modern Languages Description

The Department of Modern Languages offers the M.A. in modern languages with emphases in French, German, linguistics, Spanish, and teaching English as a second language (TESL).

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 36

Course Requirements

Students must satisfy the requirements for either the emphasis in French, German, Spanish, or TESL.

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Students who specialize in TESL learn best practices in the teaching of English as a second language, training, most importantly, for careers as English-language teachers. With its heavy focus on applied and theoretical linguistics, the TESL specialization within the Modern Languages master's program also prepares its graduates for doctoral work in the discipline.

Course Requirements

Three options for completing the degree are available, all of which require 36 hours. The three options are as follows: (1) 36 hours of course work in TESL, Ling, Mill, and Engl; (2) 24 hours of course work in the above areas and 12 hours of course work in a minor field approved by the department; or (3) 24 hours of course work in the above areas and 12 hours of thesis work. The course work consists of 36 hours of 500- and 600-level course from TESL, Ling, Mill, and Engl. Twenty-four (24) of the 36 hours must consist of the core requirements, which are TESL 542, 592, 600, 631, 645, 646, 647, and 695. Additionally, students who wish to write a thesis in lieu of taking comprehensive exams are required to take TESL 694.

Other Academic Requirements

Students must maintain a B average in their course work or be subjected to probation and/or expulsion from the program.

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The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

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REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
24 hours course work	24	Student must complete at least 24 hours of graduate-level course work in his/her emphasis area as approved by his/her GPC/Chair. Student may choose an emphasis in French, German, Spanish, or TESL. For the French, German, and Spanish emphases, the course work must include 15 hours in the emphasis area and up to 9 hours in a minor field. The specialization in TESL requires 36 hours of graduate course work, including the 21 hour core: Ling 600 ; TESL 542 or 672 ; TESL 631 , 645,647 , and 695 ; and Engl 501 or 592 .
Select an emphasis		Students must enroll in one of the M.A. in Modern Language specialization areas: French, German, Spanish, or TESL.
GPA requirements		A cumulative average of not less than 3.0 (B) must be achieved in all graduate work taken.
Liberal Arts Dean's approval		This Degree Audit program is an advising tool only. The student must still apply for a degree by returning a completed Degree Application Form to the dean's office before the last day to add classes in the semester preceding the semester in which the student expects to graduate. The Dean's Office will make the final certification that the courses listed on the application qualify the student for graduation. The Dean's Office will also determine if other university requirements (GPA, etc.) have been met.

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Thesis vs non-thesis		Student may elect a thesis or non-thesis option. The thesis option includes completing 6 hours of thesis credit and submitting a thesis to the student's GPC/Chair. The non-thesis option can be completed by completing at least 12 additional hours of graduate-level course work in TESL, Ling, Mill and Engl or by completing at least 12 hours of graduate-level course work in a minor field.
Add'l course option	12	For the additional courses options, the student must complete 12 hours of additional graduate-level courses work in TESL, Ling, Mill, and Engl. All courses must be approved by the student's GPC/Chair.
Minor field option	12	Student may choose to complete 12 credit hours of graduate-level course work in a minor field. All courses must be approved by the student's GPC/Chair.
Thesis option	12	For the thesis option, the student must complete at least 12 hours of thesis credit.

