

Master's Degree in English Applied Linguistics Academic Offer. Course 2019/2020

Information

Compulsory: 10 ECTS

Optional: 35 ECTS

External Placement (optional): 5 ECTS

Master's Final Thesis: 15 ECTS

The Master's Degree in English Applied Linguistics consists of 5 modules of which the first (Methodological Training Module) and fifth (Master's Final Thesis) are compulsory; the second (Applied Linguistics for English Language Discourse and Communication) and third (Applied Linguistics to Learning English as a Foreign Language in Bilingual and Non-bilingual Contexts) are optional and form the two specialization pathways which students can follow. The pathways are for guidance. The fourth module (placements) is also optional.

Module 1 ("Methodological Training Module").

Mainly methodological compulsory module. The character of the subjects, therefore, is instrumental in the successful acquisition of skills related to the latest research tools in Applied Linguistics, including: the description and analysis of the scientific method, selection and treatment of variables in the research design, the study of qualitative and quantitative analysis of data elements, design, collection, automation and management of a linguistic corpus, applications of linguistic corpus research, as well as training in the critical analysis of scientific articles, the use of databases and literature searches, the practice of scientific writing and the conventions of scientific texts and the preparation of a scientific paper. This module consists of 10 ECTS, involving two compulsory subjects, and is taught in the first quarter, which is scheduled to commence in October.

Module 2 ("Applied Linguistics for English Language Discourse and Communication").

Optional specialization module in the application of major linguistic theories to various areas of applied linguistics in English such as: discourse analysis, linguistic creativity, relations between lexicon and grammar in discourse, intercultural communication, as well as linguistic consulting and translation. The module provides the basis of linguistic theories for application in different areas in which English language has a key role. Students choose subjects in this module according to their interests, to complete the 35 optional credits with subjects 3 and 4, which are also optional.

Module 3 ("Applied Linguistics to Learning English as a Foreign Language in Bilingual and Non-bilingual Contexts").

Specialization module, also optional, that focuses on the latest applications of linguistic theory to foreign language learning. Includes courses designed for students interested in bilingual education classrooms, in transfer and error analysis, in the acquisition of vocabulary, on the various factors involved in second language acquisition, as well as the creation and use of the corpus and the application of new technologies to teaching. This module is aimed very specifically at research in teaching and learning of second languages, specifically to the English language. Like module 2, this

module is basically theoretical, and offers students the opportunity to enter the world of education. Students choose subjects from this module according to their interests to complete 35 optional credits with subjects from modules 2 and 4, which are also optional.

Module 4 (“Placements”).

The range of placements offered in this module is varied enough so that the training profiles which concur in this master’s degree are well represented: language advisors, translators, teachers, experts in the preparation of textbooks, etc. The placements will be supervised by a specific tutor (placement tutor) in order for students to gain the professional experience and appropriate skills to facilitate their entry into certain areas of the labour market which increasingly demands people with profiles which this master’s degree offers. This module consists of a course of 5 ECTS and is optional.

Module 5 (“Master’s Final Thesis”).

The basic content of this module is the undertaking of a student’s first research project. To this end, students will work under tutor guidance, and at the end of the academic year defend their monograph or thesis as the culmination of their master’s studies. This module consists of 15 ECTS credits and is compulsory. In the Final Master’s Thesis the student must demonstrate acquisition of competencies, skills and knowledge suitable for an academic / researcher specializing in the field of linguistics applied to English discourse and communication or foreign language learning.

Curriculum

Code	Subject	Semester	Status	ECTS	Module
32082	Research Methods in Applied Linguistics	1	Compulsory	5	1
32083	Seminar / Workshop in Research in Applied Linguistics	1	Compulsory	5	1
32084	Language, Function and Cognition	1	Option	5	2
32256	Discourse and Philosophy: Applications in Social Conflict	2	Option	5	2
32085	Language and Creativity: verbal creativity as discourse practice and social practice	1	Option	5	2
32086	Languages and Cultures in Contact: variation, change and intercultural communication	2	Option	5	2
32257	Word to Text: Lexis, Grammar and Discourse	2	Option	5	2
32088	Models of Acquisition and Development of Interlanguages: interfaces, transfer and error analysis	1	Option	5	3

32089	Corpus Linguistics and New Technologies in the Foreign Language Classroom	1	Option	5	3
32090	The Language of Disciplines in the Foreign Language Classroom	2	Option	5	3
32258	Meaning and Cognition: Research into Lexicon Acquisition in First and Second Languages	1	Option	5	3
32092	Placements	2	Option	5	4
32093	Master's Final Thesis	2	Compulsory	15	5

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Module 5 ("Master's Final Thesis").

According to the agreements of the Committee on Postgraduate Studies at UAM, those elective subjects having less than five students enrolled, may not be taught. Involved students will be advised for relocation and enrollment in other subject.

The offer of optional subjects could suffer minor changes before the start of lessons for reasons of adjustments in Master's teaching organization, in which case, it will be properly announced.