

Iliia State University
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Master's Program: Applied Linguistics
Curriculum

Faculty	Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Title of the Program	Applied Linguistics
Qualification	ჰუმანტარული მეცნიერებების მაგისტრი ენათმეცნიერებაში MA in Linguistics
Length of the Program (semesters, credits)	4 semesters, 120 ECTS Credits (1 ECTS Credits - 25 academic hours)
Language of Instruction	Georgian
Head(s) of the Program	Professor Nino Doborjginidze; Professor Irina Lobjanidze
Program Elaboration and Updating Issues	The program was developed in 2012 and was updated in 2022. The program is updated at the beginning of each academic year for further improvement of the learning process.
Prerequisites (requirements)	
Admission to the master's program is based on the results of the Unified Master's Examination as well as the institutional oral examination. The applicant must hold a bachelor's or equivalent academic degree in the following fields: Humanities (any direction), Social Sciences, Journalism, Information, Education), Information and Communication Technologies. Institutional Oral exam (motivation, morphological-syntactic analysis of a field-related text; proficiency in English at B2 level). Information about the conditions, requirements, evaluation components and criteria of the entrance exams is given in detail in the "Program Admission Document" that is placed on the university's website www.iliauni.edu.ge in the "Admission" section.	
Program Aims	
The Master's program in Applied Linguistics aims to train a highly qualified linguist who will contribute to the development of field knowledge and professional practice and develop the student's deep and systematic knowledge of the theoretical and practical aspects of applied linguistics; will study the issues of phonetics, morphology and syntax in terms of language typology and universals; The program will enable students to develop skills for computer processing of analytical material as well as respect for the state language and linguistic and cultural diversity; students will learn how to share their own opinions and ideas in accordance with academic standards.	
Learning Outcomes and Competencies (General and Field Specific)	
A graduate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. demonstrates deep and systematic knowledge of applied linguistics and considers its theoretical foundations and applied potential; 2. analyzes and conveys the phonetics, morphology and syntax of Georgian and other languages in terms of language typology and linguistic universals; 3. examines various aspects of linguistic research, including language variation, language change in synchronic and diachronic terms, taking into account different approaches; 4. defines and practically uses the field and other methods of collection and processing of analytical material in a complex way; 5. creates an original, proper and logically reasoned master's thesis, in accordance with existing academic standards and presents it to specialists and/or non-specialists in the field; 	

6. purposefully uses information and communication technologies, library and electronic resources; works individually and as a team in various educational, business and research environments, including within defined deadlines and in an intensive mode;
7. respects Georgian as the state language and minority languages; is tolerant of linguistic and cultural diversity.

Instruction Methods

- Lecture;
- Seminar;
- Analysis and Synthesis;
- Electronic and hybrid learning elements;
- Demonstration method;
- Practical method;
- Discussions/Debates;
- Brainstorming;
- Group work;
- Case study;
- Cooperative learning;
- Induction/deduction;
- Supervision;
- Reflection, etc.

Depending on the specifics of the learning components, other teaching methods can be used during the implementation of the program, which is presented in the syllabi of certain courses.

Structure of the Program

To obtain the academic degree of MA in Linguistics, the student must accumulate 120 credits, according to the following scheme:

Structure of the program:

1. Compulsory courses - 30 credits;
2. Compulsory-elective courses - 48 credits;
3. Elective courses - no more than 12 credits;
4. Master's thesis - 30 credits.

Assessment System

100-point Assessment System defined as follows:

(A) Excellent – 91-100 points;

(B) Very good – 81-90 points;

(C) Good – 71-80 points;

(D) Satisfactory – 61-70 points;

(E) Sufficient – 51-60 points;

(FX) Didn't Pass – 41-50 points, which means that a student needs to work more and is allowed to resit the exam once by working independently;

(F) Failed – 40 and less points of maximum evaluation, which means that the work done by the student is not enough and he/she has to retake the course.

Note: Details of assessment components, methods and criteria are given in the course syllabi/concept documents.

Career Opportunities

- Any field of eHumanity (digital humanities);
- Research institutes, centers of the respective field;
- HEIs;
- Printed and electronic publishers;
- Printed and digital journalism (printed and e-journals/newspapers, TV, online broadcaster);
- Mass Media;
- Cultural field and scientific institutions that work on the issues of documentation, protection and research of textual heritage.

Graduates of the program can continue their studies at the doctoral level.

Essential and Supplementary Resources

- University information and computer center;
- University computer lab;
- Text bases of the university centers for linguistic studies;
- University text and audio-video database (ethnographic base);
- Software resources developed by the university center for linguistic studies;
- Lecture halls;
- Library with its constantly updated fund of foreign language literature, the latest educational and scientific literature, dictionaries, audio-visual material;
- Argus, the internal university network for student registration and educational process management, which provides information on any issue related to the educational process;
- E-learning , Turnitin;
- Electronic data bases of the Georgian Parliament National Library.
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- Software maintenance: IPA help, Praat, AntConc 3.2.1, ToolBox, Syntax Tree Editor, ELAN, Oxygen, TEIPublisher, BootCat, memoQ, OmegaT, VLC media player, Trados, etc.;
- Text databases of National Center of Manuscripts.

During the learning process, the student is involved in the university and joint projects of the corpus linguistics, which are carried out in the Linguistic Research Center. It benefits from the linguistic and technological bases, software resources and standards of these projects.