

M.A. Program in Applied Linguistics & TESOL, NKUST (110 Academic Year)

Courses		1st Year		2nd Year		
		Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	
Required Courses (18 credits)	4 Courses + Thesis (12 + 6 credits)		Applied Linguistics	Academic Presentation Skills	Research Writing	Thesis (6 credits)
			Research Methods			
Elective Courses (21 credits)	must take 1 from the two Advanced Research Methods Courses (3 credits)			Statistics and Measurement		
				Qualitative Inquiry		
7 courses or 6 courses + 1 course (3 credits) from other M.A. programs	must take at least 5 courses (a minimum of 15 credits)	(1) Applied Linguistics	Psycholinguistics	Sociolinguistics	Discourse Analysis	Corpus Linguistics
		(2) TESOL	Second Language Acquisition	Language Learning and Technology	Language Testing and Assessment	Topics on Applied Linguistics and TESOL
			Foreign Language Teaching Methodology	Teaching of Reading and Writing		

*Notes:

1. You are required to take at least 39 credits (12 credits for required courses + 21 credits for elective courses + 6 thesis credits) for the completion of the study in our program. Among the 21 elective credits, you can take one 3-credit graduate course from other master's programs as an elective.
2. You are allowed to take maximum 4 graduate courses each semester. **If you have a special need to take 5 graduate courses in our MA program, please get a permission from either your thesis advisor or the program director.**
3. You **MUST** pass the Writing Diagnostic Test before taking the required course "Research Writing." **If you have passed the test and have written a**

research paper or a thesis before (please note that the work has to be done individually rather than as a group), you can consider waiving this required course. You need to submit a waiver application along with your previous research works to the department in the first week of the Fall semester for a review of your writing skills. Once your application is approved, you can take an elective course in its place. Course waivers do not reduce the total number of credits required for the degree.

4. If you have not taken a Linguistics related course in the undergraduate program, you must take one from our undergraduate program in the first year of your graduate studies.
5. If you are not a native English speaker, you must reach the following English language proficiency level before requesting an oral defense of your thesis:
TOEFL (iBT) 75 / IELTS 6 / TOEIC 800 / GEPT High Level
6. You need to submit your thesis abstract for a review of relevance to your studies in our program before requesting an oral defense of your thesis. You can submit the abstract to the department in the 10th week of the semester when you wish to defend your thesis, or one semester before your defense. The review of students' thesis abstracts is undertaken once every semester. Your thesis abstract can be written in either Chinese or English, which must contain the purpose of the study, research design and methods, data collection and analysis, and results. The length of the abstract should be minimum 300 words.