

MA IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures



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This full time one-year course will appeal to a wide range of students, including present and future language teachers and those interested in linguistics, language studies and communication.

Those applying for the course should have, or expect to have by the month of August prior to starting the course, a BA degree (Second Class Honours, Grade 1) in a language subject, or acceptable equivalent (significant background knowledge and/or considerable work experience).

Applications

Applications are made on-line at www.pac.ie from December before the year in which application is sought.

Programme of Study:

The programme begins in September and ends in April. The programme involves attendance at lectures and seminars, the writing of course papers and the completion of other assessed tasks. Marks from this work count towards the final results.

Students prepare their dissertation of between 15,000 and 20,000 words. The dissertation is submitted in September.

Students take the following four modules:

- **AL6010: Research Dissertation**

Defining a research project under the direction of staff, exploring a specialised area within the general field of Applied Linguistics, applying appropriate research methodology and presenting results in a dissertation of between 15,000 and 20,000 words.

- **AL6011: Linguistic Theory**

General Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology as well as to Morphology and Syntax.

- **AL6012: Applied Linguistics**

Focus on selected fields of Applied Linguistics such as Pragmatics and Semantics, Sociolinguistics and Second Language Acquisition.

- **AL6013 Areas of Specialisation in Applied Linguistics**

The range of areas on offer is subject to staff availability and may include an emphasis on: Second Language Acquisition, Holistic Concepts of Language Teaching and Learning, Language and Identity, Translation and Self-Translation, Language Teaching and Post-Colonialism.

Additionally, students are also introduced to various areas within Research Methods such as web and library resources, reference managing software, study design and data collection, writing a literature review, publishing, editing and reviewing.



Postgraduate Profile:

Saskia Ahrens, Hannover (Germany)
Employee in the Corporate Communications
Department of Hannover Re

Saskia Ahrens was a Master student in the MA in Applied Linguistics in University College Cork in 2013/2014. She explains why Linguistics is highly relevant to her current professional field:

"I work in the corporate communications department of Hannover Re (a reinsurance company in Hannover, Germany) in the Media Relations sector. So, basically, I deal with press enquiries, press releases and annual/interim reports for the company. A big part of my job is editing, so this is where my linguistic background helps a lot. The international experience is a key to enter an international business like the communications sector of a reinsurance company. Also, the cultural sensitization I gained in the Sociolinguistic class is of great help in communicating with people from different cultural backgrounds."

The School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, University College Cork.

The School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures at UCC offers a range of opportunities to develop students' language and intercultural skills to an advanced level. We have a range of Masters' programmes that offer advanced training in research skills, digital and intercultural communication skills as well as professional language skills. We offer courses that are tailored to students' particular needs and an environment that is friendly and student-oriented. For more information on all our programmes please see our website:

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