

Programme Specification

MA in Applied Linguistics (full-time)

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For students entering in 2023/24

This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

Awarding Institution	University of Reading
Teaching Institution	University of Reading
Length of Programme	MA in Applied Linguistics (full-time) - 1 years MA in Applied Linguistics (part-time) - 2 years
Accreditation	N/A
Programme Start Dates	September and January

Programme information and content

The MAAL is designed as a programme of continuing development for language professionals, especially those working in the field of language teaching. Core modules are offered in language description and analysis, language pedagogy and language learning, and students are given an up-to-date knowledge of principles and issues of importance within the broad field of study of language in use. Through a choice of options, students also have access to a further range of pedagogic and non-pedagogic-related areas of interest. They receive a thorough grounding that will help them to develop their career in a wide range of language related professions.

Module information

The programme comprises of 180 credits, allocated across a range of compulsory and optional modules. Compulsory modules are listed.

Compulsory modules

Module	Name	Credits	Level
LSMDIS	Dissertation	60	M
LSMFLS	Foundations of Language Study	20	M
LSMRDM	Research Design Methods	20	M
LSMSL	Second Language Learning Principles	20	M
LSMSOC	Sociolinguistics	20	M

The remaining credits will be taken from the list of optional modules from the School of Literature and Languages or from an approved list of modules from across the University.

Students starting this programme in January 2024 will take the module LSMPAL Principles of Applied Linguistics instead of LSMSL Second Language Learning Principles.

Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

The programme is offered on a part-time basis, normally over a period of up to 24 months. The structure of these arrangements is as follows:

Year 1: 2 compulsory taught modules and 1-2 option modules;

Year 2: 2 compulsory taught modules (to include LSMRDM), 1-2 option modules and the dissertation module.

Additional costs of the programme

During your programme of study you will incur some additional costs.

Where applicable, core textbooks recommended for student purchase may cost around £15 to £25 per module; there may be other books/resources which you would find it convenient to buy. Some books may be available second-hand, which will reduce costs. A wide range of resources to support your curriculum, including textbooks, more specialist studies, and electronic resources, are available through the library.

Printing and photocopying facilities are available on campus at a cost per A4 page of £0.05 (black and white) and £0.30 (colour). Essential costs in this area will be low as most coursework is submitted electronically.

Optional modules

The optional modules available can vary from year to year. An indicative list of the range of optional modules for your Programme is set out in the Further Programme Information. Details of any additional costs associated with the optional modules, will be made available to you prior to the beginning of the programme. Entry to optional modules will be at the discretion of the University and subject to availability. Although the University tries to ensure you are able to take the optional modules in which you have expressed interest this cannot be guaranteed.

Placement opportunities

N/A

Study abroad opportunities

N/A

Teaching and learning delivery

You will be taught through lectures, interactive seminars, tutorials and workshops. Assessment takes a variety of formats but is mostly based on coursework.

Total study hours for your programme will be 1800 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is – 15 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. Information about module contact

hours and the amount of independent study which a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description.

Accreditation details

N/A

Assessment

The programme will be assessed through a combination of coursework and written examinations including class tests. Further information is contained in the individual module descriptions.

Progression

To pass the degree of MA in Applied Linguistics, students must gain an average mark of 50 or more overall including a mark of at least 50 for the dissertation and have no mark below 40 in compulsory modules LSMSL, LSMFLS, LSMSOC and LSMRDM. The total credit value of all modules marked below 40 must not exceed 30 credits and for all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 50 credits.

Students who gain an average mark of 70 or more overall, including a mark of 60 or more for the dissertation and have no mark below 40 will be eligible for a Distinction. Those gaining an average mark of 60 or more overall including a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation and have no mark below 40 will be eligible for a Merit.

Classification

The University's taught postgraduate marks classification is as follows:

Mark Interpretation

70 - 100% Distinction

60 - 69% Merit

50 - 59% Good standard (Pass)

Failing categories:

40 - 49% Work below threshold standard

0 - 39% Unsatisfactory Work

For Masters Degree

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 70 or more over 180 credits; and
- ii. a mark of 60 or more for the dissertation; and
- iii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iv. students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 60 or more over 180 credits; and
- ii. a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation; and
- iii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iv. students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 50 or more over 180 credits; and
- ii. a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation; and
- iii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iv. the total credit value of all modules marked below 40 must not exceed 30 credits.

In addition, for all classifications above, students must obtain a mark of at least 40% in LSMSL, LSMFLS, LSMSOC and LSMRDM.

For PG Diploma

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 70 or more over 120 credits; and
- ii. In addition, the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iii. students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 60 or more over 120 credits; and
- ii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- iii. students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 50 or more over 120 credits; and
- ii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and

- iii. the total credit value of all modules marked below 40 must not exceed 30 credits.

In addition, for all classifications above, students must obtain a mark of at least 40% in LSMSL, LSMFLS, LSMSOC and LSMRDM.

For PG Certificate

To qualify for a **Postgraduate Certificate**, students must

- i. gain an overall average of 50 or more over 60 credits; and
- ii. students must not have any mark below 40.

For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

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