

The MA in Field Linguistics is a staged MA programme, studied for up to four years. It is validated by the University of Gloucestershire.

Course outline

Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert)

To gain a PGCert, you need to successfully complete modules LC7000, FL7001 and FL7002. If you exit the course at this stage you will receive a PGCert in Field Linguistics.

Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip)

To gain a PGDip, you will need to successfully complete the PGCert modules, together with FL7003 and FL7004. If you exit the course at this stage you will receive a PGDip in Field Linguistics.

Masters (MA)

To gain an MA, you will need to successfully complete all the PGDip modules, together with your dissertation (FL7005). You will receive an MA in Field Linguistics.

Study options

Students usually study Field Linguistics in stages, beginning with the PGCert stage for six months followed by a field internship of up to two years. Students will then return to Redcliffe College for the PGDip stage, which takes place between January and June, and finally complete their dissertation within four years of commencing their MA studies.

Credit can be awarded for accredited prior learning (APL) where students have already studied module equivalents elsewhere at postgraduate level. If you wish to apply for credit, you should complete an APL form and submit it with your application.

Module information

Brief details for each module are given below. For full information including assessments and indicative resources, please refer to the module specifications available for download at www.redcliffe.ac.uk/ctl

LC7000	Language and Culture Acquisition	15 CATS points
<p>This module aims to prepare you to become an effective communicator in a second language and culture. It looks at techniques and strategies for language learning and how to develop a self-directed language learning programme. Through intensive phonetics training you will learn to recognise, pronounce and transcribe the new sounds you may hear in learning another language and you will develop the qualities required for effective cross-cultural communication.</p>		

FL7001	Skills for Language Study: Theory and Context	30 CATS points
<p>This module aims to broaden your grasp of linguistic theory in the core areas of phonology, morphology and syntax. You will become aware of the diversity and range of linguistic features in the world's languages. You will develop your understanding of the relevance of sociolinguistics and anthropology to the practice of field linguistics.</p>		
FL7002	Skills for Language Study: Application	15 CATS points
<p>This module will build on the Theory and Context study of FL7001. It will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to participate in a field language project. You will also learn to use specialist computer software for language analysis and documentation.</p>		
FL7003	Meaning, Context and Translation	30 CATS points
<p>This module will further extend your knowledge of sociolinguistics, and develop your understanding of how meaning is made, how communication works, and why it sometimes fails. This module will enable you to come to informed judgements on the variety of approaches to translation, and equip you to identify issues in their theory and practice.</p>		
FL7004	Fieldwork Issues and Analysis	30 CATS points
<p>This module will equip you to effectively plan, implement and manage translation and language development projects in minority language communities. You will further extend your knowledge of anthropology, as well as phonological theory and application. You will also develop the tools to explore and critically analyse discourses in any language.</p>		
FL7005	Dissertation	60 CATS points
<p>The dissertation, of 18,000 words, represents the culmination of the MA student's learning experience. It gives you the opportunity to develop your critical thinking, research and language analysis skills.</p>		