

# The Concurrent Bachelor's and Master's Degree Program (BA/MA) in Linguistics

## The Program

The Linguistics Department offers a 5-year concurrent Bachelor's and Master's degree program for students with strong abilities and motivations. The student in this program normally receives the B.A. and the M.A. simultaneously, at the end of the fifth year of study.

## Before You Apply

You should begin planning to apply to this program while selecting the courses for the fall term of your junior year, and you should apply to the BA/MA when the midterm grades for that term become available. Before your application to the BA/MA program is approved, you must have completed the following courses and done well in them:

- **Ling 2000** (Students with a grade lower than B+ in Ling 2000 will not ordinarily be considered for admission to the Linguistics BA/MA program.)
- **one of** the three upper division required undergraduate courses (**Ling 3100, 3430, or 4420**),
- **and an upper division Ling elective** (see catalog for listing).

In addition, you must be enrolled in **Ling 5420** (if you have not already taken LING 4420) or Ling 5030 **during the fall of your junior year.** or LING 5430 **during the spring of your junior year.** Your admission to the BA/MA program will not be decided until midterm grades for one of these two graduate-level courses has been made available to the admissions committee. **Fall applications must be received before October 25. Spring applications must be received before Spring Break.**

Undergraduates cannot register for these courses directly; if you want to take one of them, you must see the department's Graduate Advisor or the Department Chair. If they approve your plan to take one of these courses in preparation for applying to the BA/MA program, they will request the department office to register you for that course.

## Applying

The application form for the concurrent BA/MA is available from the following website: <http://www.colorado.edu/GraduateSchool/academics/docs/Concurrentapplication.pdf> or from the department office. You must also submit a statement of purpose with your application and two letters of recommendation. If your application to the BA/MA program is not approved, or if you decide to withdraw from it, any graduate courses that you have completed satisfactorily will count towards the undergraduate degree, as upper division electives or as replacements for the corresponding required courses (5420 for 4420, 5430 for 3430, 5030 + 5410 for 3100). However, to have them counted towards the B.A. degree, you will need to file a Change of Major Requirement form with the Primary Advisor during the semester prior to the one in which you expect to graduate. Consult the Graduate Advisor for full information and advice.

## Course of Study

To complete the Concurrent BA/MA program, you will take:

- Enough undergraduate electives to bring the total number of undergraduate Linguistics course hours to 12 (instead of the 24 required for the B.A.)
- Nine hours of language courses, with five credits at the 3000 level or above, as required for the B.A. (or two additional Linguistics electives, if your non-English language proficiency is already above the third-year college level)
- The remaining required and elective courses ordinarily needed for the M.A., for a total of 30 graduate hours (including an M.A. thesis if desired).
- The M.A. comprehensive examination.

Students accepted to the BA/MA program must consult initially with the departmental graduate advisor in choosing courses. However, you may change to an advisor in your specific area of interest with the permission of the department chair or the graduate advisor.

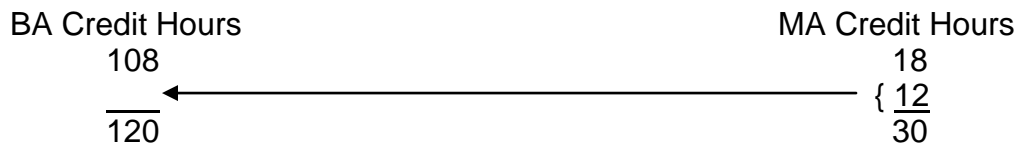
Your advisor will help you plan your courses to make sure that you fulfill all the B.A. requirements by the end of your fourth year, so that you can graduate at that time if you change your mind and decide not to complete the M.A.

## Documentation of Progress

The Graduate School and the College of Arts and Sciences each require special documents recording your progress in the Concurrent B.A./M.A. program. In addition to the regular undergraduate **Completion of Major Form** that is done with the help of the Primary Advisor in the semester before the one in which you intend to graduate, and the forms normally required for the master's degree (notably the **Application for the Admission to Candidacy for an Advanced Degree** - see the graduate advisor), you need to complete the following special forms available in the department office:

- **Concurrent Bachelor's/Master's Degree Mid-program Review and Recommendation for Advancement to Graduate Status**, filed at the end of the senior year
- **Concurrent Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program Supplement to the Application for the Admission to Candidacy**, filed at the same time as the **Application for the Admission to Candidacy for an Advanced Degree**
- **Concurrent Bachelor's/Master's Certificate of Completion of the Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree**, filed early in the semester in which the degrees are to be conferred, at the same time that the Master's Diploma Card is submitted; see the form itself for details.

It is important to keep track of your total credit hours for graduation. A BA degree by itself requires 120 credit hours, and an MA degree by itself requires 30 credit hours; however, the BA/MA program requires only a total of 138 credit hours. The lower number of total credit hours is possible because 12 credit hours of your graduate coursework are double-counted towards both degrees. The following diagram illustrates:



**Graduate Courses Required for the M.A.**

Ling 5030 Ling. Phonetics	F	Ling 5410 Phonology	S
* Ling 5420 Morphology & Syntax	F	Ling 5430 Semantics & Pragmatics	S
Ling 5570 Intro. Diachronic Ling	F		

**Graduate Electives include:**

- Ling 5300 Research in Psycholinguistics
- Ling 5610 English Structure for TESOL
- Ling 5832 Natural language Processing
- Ling 6200 Issues & Methods in Cognitive Science
- Ling 6300 Topics in Language Use
- Ling 6510 Language Structures
- Ling 7100 Field Methods
- Ling 7200 Computational Methods in Linguistics

\* If LING 4420 has already been taken, it can count as LING 5420 and a 3 credit elective can then be taken.