Professional Master’s Degree in Computational Linguistics

Be driven. Be flexible. Be successful.
The computational linguistics, analytics, search and informatics master’s degree is an interdisciplinary degree that provides a solid foundation in both computer science and linguistics graduate coursework, as well as several courses focused on data-driven linguistics, computational linguistics and information processing.

The University of Colorado Boulder is a Tier 1 research university, and its College of Engineering and Applied Science is consistently ranked among the top 40 engineering graduate schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. The linguistics department is ranked in the top 13.

This program offers classes both online and on campus. Depending on the course, students have the opportunity to choose to take the course from the comfort of their home while still engaging with their peers through our online platform.

You don’t have to wait! Enroll in a class now to start earning credits and get to know students and faculty while preparing your graduate admission materials. You may enroll in classes as a nondegree student through the Access Program, 303-492-5148.

**Admission requirements**

- Undergraduate degree in computer science, linguistics, math or science from an accredited institution comparable to the University of Colorado
- Minimum GPA of 3.00
- TOEFL scores (international students)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Three semesters of mathematics at the upper-division level of calculus or above
- Considerable programming experience

**Recommended:** Four semesters or more of computer science courses beyond the introductory level, including Data Structures, Programming Languages and Algorithms

**GRE scores:** The GRE is required for all applicants. For international applicants we require the GRE in addition to the TOEFL or IELTS

**Application Deadline:**
Fall admission only:
- Domestic: January 10
- International: December 15

The graduate advisor in the linguistics office looks forward to talking to you about your professional and academic goals. Please contact Ann Marie Ladd, 303-492-2159, clasic_contact@colorado.edu.

Learn more at: colorado.edu/linguistics/
Become a specialist in the application of computers to the processing of natural languages such as English, Chinese, Arabic and Urdu.

Gain the skills needed to run and retrain off-the-shelf NLP tools, modifying them as needed.

Take validated machine learning approaches, including deep learning, with or without linguistic annotation as training data, and extend them to new domains and new genres, as well as new linguistic phenomena using appropriate evaluation methodologies.

Apply analyses from phonological, morphological, syntactic and semantic theories to innovative applications of NLP technology.

Present results professionally in both written and oral form in a manner that is accessible to an interdisciplinary audience.

Learn and work with world-class faculty, such as Martha Palmer, an ACL fellow known for her work in semantics and linguistic annotation; Jim Martin, who, along with Dan Jurafsky, wrote the textbook *Speech and Language Processing*, the premier text in the field; and Chenhao Tan, Susan Windisch Brown and Mans Hulden.

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**Focus areas**

- 9 credit hours in computer science covering programming and machine learning
- 9 credit hours in linguistics covering syntax, phonetics, and semantics and pragmatics
- 9 credit hours in computational linguistics covering natural language processing, computational lexical semantics, and computational phonology and morphology
- 3 credit hours of electives in information retrieval, formal semantics and more

**Completion**

- The MS is 32 credit hours and may be completed in 24 to 48 months.
- Most courses are 3 credits, are 16 weeks long and must be taken during the fall, spring or summer academic terms.

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