

## Academic Year 2026/27

### Master of Arts in Linguistics

**Code: 4140 F/P**

#### Notes

- (i) *These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) *A core module is a module which a student must pass.*
- (iii) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (iv) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

#### 1. Programme structure

- (a) The programmes are available for study in both full-time and part-time (excluding Language Acquisition Research) modes.
- (b) The period of study for full-time mode shall be 1 year for Masters and eight months for Diploma starting in September. The period of study for part-time mode shall normally be 2 years starting in September. The Language Acquisition Research Pathway is not offered in part-time mode.
- (c) The programme comprises 2 taught Pathways (English Language Taught Pathway or English Acquisition Taught Pathway) and 1 Language Acquisition Research Pathway (the latter available to NINE-DTP students only); It comprises modules to a credit value of 180.
- (d) The dissertation must be written according to the pathway the student is following; likewise, dissertation supervisor choice must be in accordance with the pathway.

#### English Language Taught Pathway or Language Acquisition Taught Pathway (Full time):

- (e) Candidates on both taught Pathways shall take the following compulsory modules:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i>                     | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| SEL8500     | Research Methods in Language and Linguistics | 20                   | 10                   | 10                   |                      | 7            | core        |             |
| SEL8510     | MA Linguistics Dissertation                  | 60                   |                      |                      | 60                   | 7            |             |             |

- (f) Candidates on both taught Pathways shall take one of the following 20-credit modules:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i> | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
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| SEL8026     | Generative Syntax        | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |

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|---------|---------------------------------|----|----|----|--|---|--|--|
| SEL8154 | Issues in Phonological Theory I | 20 | 20 |    |  | 7 |  |  |
| SEL8702 | Issues in Pragmatic Theory      | 20 | 20 |    |  | 7 |  |  |
| SEL8705 | Current Issues in Linguistics   | 20 |    | 20 |  | 7 |  |  |
| SEL8698 | Melody in Language              | 20 |    | 20 |  | 7 |  |  |

- (g) **English Language taught Pathway** candidates shall take 40 credits from the following modules:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i>      | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| SEL8163     | Language and Society          | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8204     | Lexical Innovation            | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8361     | The Social History of English | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8676     | Metropolitan Sociolinguistics | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8700     | English Historical Semantics  | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |

- (h) **Language Acquisition taught Pathway** candidates shall take 40 credits from the following modules:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i>                            | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| SEL8690     | Advanced Topics in Second Language Acquisition      | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8696     | ToDLR: Topics on Developmental Linguistics Research | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8708     | Advanced Experimental Practicum                     | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8695     | Learning and Learnability                           | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |

- (i) Candidates on both taught Pathways must take 40 credits from the following list of additional modules.
- (j) Or, with the DPD's permission, students can take relevant postgraduate modules, up to a maximum of 40 credits, offered by other Schools, to replace the choices in (i). Students must seek permission from the other School prior to registering on the module. Students are expected

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i>                       | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| SEL8026     | Generative Syntax                              | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8154     | Issues in Phonological Theory I                | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8163     | Language and Society                           | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8204     | Lexical Innovation                             | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8361     | The Social History of English                  | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8690     | Advanced Topics in Second Language Acquisition | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8700     | English Historical Semantics                   | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8702     | Issues in Pragmatic Theory                     | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8708     | Advanced Experimental Practicum                | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8695     | Learning and Learnability                      | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8705     | Special Topic in Linguistics                   | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8698     | Melody in Language                             | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |

to select modules having a credit value of not less than 50 and more than 70 in any one semester.

**Language Acquisition Research Pathway** candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i>  | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| HSS8002     | Information Skills  | 10                   | 10                   |                      |                      | 7            |             | Blended     |
| HSS8004     | Qualitative Methodology in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| HSS8007     | The Making and Unmaking of Knowledge                                | 10                   | 10                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
|             |   |                      |                      |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8500     | Research Methods in Language and Linguistics                        | 20                   | 10                   | 10                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8510     | MA Linguistics Dissertation   | 60                   |                      |                      | 60                   | 7            |             |             |

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|---------|---|----|----|----|--|---|--|--|
| SEL8690 | Advanced Topics in Second Language Acquisition      | 20 |    | 20 |  | 7 |  |  |
| SEL8696 | ToDLR: Topics on Developmental Linguistics Research | 20 | 20 |    |  | 7 |  |  |
| SEL8695 | Learning and Learnability                           | 20 |    | 20 |  |   |  |  |

**English Language Taught Pathway or English Acquisition Taught Pathway (Part time):**

Part-time candidates shall aim to take 70 taught credits in Year 1. In Year 2 candidates will take 110 credits, 50 taught credits, along with the 60-credit dissertation.

(k) Year 1: All candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i>                       | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| SEL8511     | Research Methods in Language and Linguistics I | 10                   | 10                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |

(l) Year 1: All candidates shall take one of the following 20-credit modules:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i>        | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| SEL8026     | Generative Syntax               | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8154     | Issues in Phonological Theory I | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8702     | Issues in Pragmatic Theory      | 20                   | 20                   |                      |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8705     | Special Topic in Linguistics    | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |
| SEL8698     | Melody in Language              | 20                   |                      | 20                   |                      | 7            |             |             |

In addition, all candidates shall take two 20-credit modules from their chosen pathway. Please see above for the choice of modules.

(m) Year 2: All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

| <i>Code</i> | <i>Descriptive title</i>    | <i>Total Credits</i> | <i>Credits Sem 1</i> | <i>Credits Sem 2</i> | <i>Credits Sem 3</i> | <i>Level</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Mode</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| SEL8510     | MA Linguistics Dissertation | 60                   |                      |                      | 60                   | 7            |             |             |

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|---------|---|----|--|----|--|---|--|--|
| SEL8512 | Research Methods in Language and Linguistics II | 10 |  | 10 |  | 7 |  |  |
|---------|---|----|--|----|--|---|--|--|

A further 40 credits shall be selected from the additional modules listed under (h) for the Language Acquisition taught Pathway.

**2. Assessment methods**

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline forms.