



Fact sheet

MASTER OF RESEARCH – LINGUISTICS

The Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research (BPhil/MRes) equips students with intensive research preparation before beginning doctoral study.

YEAR 1

The first year of this degree includes compulsory and optional units of study. This equips you with core knowledge and skills relevant for Linguistics research, and allows you the flexibility to undertake advanced topics aligned with your specific research interests.

ADVANCED DISCIPLINARY TOPICS

Your MRes advisor can help you develop a personalised pattern of study. This might involve Linguistics units alone, or units offered by other Departments or Faculties.

If you select a unit or units from a different Department or Faculty, you must have sufficient background knowledge to undertake studies at an advanced undergraduate level. Your MRes Advisor will liaise with counterparts in other departments or faculties to facilitate your unit selections.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Your previous studies may make you eligible for RPL in MRes Year 1. You may request RPL, especially if you have completed:

- Master by coursework
- Honours degree

Choose 4 units from the range of Linguistics, see also 700-level MRes Units of Study in the MQ Handbook for all units/descriptions (including SPHL and LING prefixed codes)

YEAR 2

The second year of this degree follows a planned program of goals leading to the completion of an individual research project. As part of MRes Year 2, you will conduct tasks related to your research project. You will also meet regularly with your supervisory team and will attend presentations, colloquia or workshops.

GOALS 1-5

Goal 1: Research Frontiers 2 Essay – the goal of RF2 is to extend candidates' knowledge of research innovations in their discipline, and in the sub-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary fields relevant to their research.

Goal 2: Literature Review – candidates will survey the current literature relating to their individual research project and be able to situate their project within a broad field or paradigm, producing a literature review chapter.

Goal 3: Research Methods – is specifically tailored in consultation with the supervisor to equip the candidate with relevant skills needed to conduct their research.

Goal 4: Research Planning – candidates will receive training and attend central workshops in research planning and project management, producing a detailed plan for a major (3 year) project and the MRes Project.

Goal 5: Thesis – Candidates are expected to complete a significant individual research project of their own design in order to demonstrate individual research capability to conduct a major (PhD) research project.

Year 1 Example Pattern

Linguistics

Core Unit	Research Communication	MRES700
Core Unit	Research Frontiers in Human Sciences: Linguistics	FOHS700
Compulsory Disciplinary Units	Modern Theories of Linguistics in the History of Human Sciences	LING701
	Designing and Conducting Language-related Research	APPL701
Choose 2 units		
Elective Units	Advanced Topics in Pragmatics and Intercultural Communication	APPL711
	Advanced Topics in Second Language Acquisition	APPL725
	Advanced Topics in Language for Specific Purposes	APPL740
	PACE for Research	MRES701



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