



Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics

College of Arts - University of Bahrain

2026-2027

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Study Plan: 2026-2027

The Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics consists of 9 courses in addition to the thesis comprising a total of 36 credit hours distributed per semester as follows.

Course Type	Credit Hours	No. of Courses
University Requirements (UR)	NA	NA
College Requirements (CR)	NA	NA
Major Requirement (MR)	18	6
Major Support Requirement (MSR)	NA	NA
Major Elective (ME)	9	3
Minor Requirements (MNR)	NA	NA
Minor Elective (MNE)	NA	NA
General Studies Compulsory (GSCC)	NA	NA
General Studies Elective (GSE)	NA	NA
Training (Internship, Practicum) (TR)	NA	NA
Other type of courses (if any)	9 (Thesis)	1
Total Number of Credit Hours	36	
Total Number of Courses	10	

7.2 Study Plan

In the following tables, list the courses which the faculties and departments at the University offer for this program, distributed according to semesters and according to the above course types.

Year 1- Semester 1

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours			Course Type (as shown in credit hours distribution)	Pre-Requisite; specify if there is grade for completion	Major CGPA	Final Exam (Yes/No)	Department Offering
		LEC	PRAC	CRD					
ENGL 640	Research Methods in Applied Linguistics	3	0	3	MR	None	YES	Yes	Department of English Language and literature
ENGL 642	English Phonetics and Phonology	3	0	3	MR	None	YES	Yes	Department of English Language and literature
ENGL 643	English Syntax	3	0	3	MR	None	YES	Yes	Department of English Language and literature

Year 1- Semester 2

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours			Course Type (as shown in credit hours distribution)	Pre-Requisite; specify if there is grade for completion	Major CGPA	Final Exam (Yes/No)	Department Offering
		LEC	PRAC	CRD					
ENGL 644	Issues in Applied Linguistics	3	0	3	MR	None	YES	Yes	Department of English Language and literature
ENGL 660	Discourse Analysis	3	0	3	MR	None	YES	Yes	Department of English Language and literature
ENG 661	Semantics	3	0	3	MR	None	YES	Yes	Department of English

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Year 2- Semester 1

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours			Course Type (as shown in credit hours distribution)	Pre-Requisite; specify if there is grade for completion	Major CGPA	Final Exam (Yes/No)	Department Offering
		LEC	PRAC	CRD					
ENGL XXX	From optional courses list	3	0	3	ME	None	YES	Yes	English Language and Literature
ENGL XXX	From optional courses list	3	0	3	ME	None	YES	Yes	English Language and Literature
ENGL XXX	From optional courses list	3	0	3	ME	None	YES	Yes	English Language and Literature

Year 2- Semester 2

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours			Course Type (as shown in credit hours distribution)	Pre-Requisite; specify if there is grade for completion	Major CGPA	Final Exam (Yes/No)	Department Offering
		LEC	PRAC	CRD					
ENGL 666	Thesis	0	27	9	MR	Completion of 24 credit hours	NO	No	Department of English Language and literature

Course Descriptions

Course Code:	ENGL 640	Course Title:	Research Methods in Applied Linguistics
Course Description:	The course introduces students to standard practices in carrying out academic research. Students will be introduced to a variety of methods common within their discipline for both the collection and analysis of data within the two main divisions of quantitative and qualitative research design. The course will be divided between classroom input and practical application in the computer laboratory. There will be a discussion on the computer-assisted analysis of data using the SPSS for Windows.		

Course Code:	ENGL 642	Course Title:	English Phonetics and Phonology
Course Description:	This course provides students with the opportunity to further their knowledge of the sound system of English at both segmental and suprasegmental levels, with special attention being paid to the description and analysis of the main varieties of English.		

Course Code:	ENGL 643	Course Title:	English Syntax
Course Description:	This course focuses on syntactic analysis of including word-level, phrase-level and clauses with emphasis on constituency. The course expands the students' knowledge of principles, methods, and procedures of constructing and parsing phrase, clauses and sentences of English using generative grammar and x-bar schema.		

Course Code:	ENGL 644	Course Title:	Issues in Applied Linguistics
Course Description:	The course introduces students to the history and development of the field of Applied Linguistics with the focus on current thinking in such issues as language acquisition, language teaching and learning, reading and writing and professional discourse.		

Course Code:	ENGL 660	Course Title:	Discourse Analysis
Course Description:	The course aims to provide students with an advanced understanding of the analysis, both traditional and critical, of large units of both spoken and written language from a number of theoretical perspectives, all dealing with how language operates in social and ideological contexts.		

Course Code:	ENGL 661	Course Title:	Semantics
Course Description:	This course introduces students to various theories of semantics and pragmatics and their application in language. It focusses on argumentation and cognitive mapping of meaning and semantic relations.		

Course Code:	ENGL 662	Course Title:	Seminar in Sociolinguistics
Course Description:	The course provides students with an in-depth overview of key sociolinguistic theories and concepts. It helps students to develop a critical understanding of classic and current sociolinguistic research on a range of topics, including bilingualism and multilingualism, language attitudes and ideologies, language contact and change, language and gender, language maintenance, language policy and planning, among others. The course trains students in fieldwork and research methods as they are expected to carry out empirical research on current sociolinguistic topics.		

Course Code:	ENGL 663	Course Title:	Literature in Language Learning and Teaching
Course Description:	The course introduces students to the stylistic analysis of literary texts and how such an analysis might be applied to the teaching of English. It also discusses the rationale for and the methods of incorporating literature into the language classroom.		

Course Code:	ENGL 664	Course Title:	Corpus Analysis and Language Technology
Course Description:	This course provides a general overview of Corpus Linguistics, with focus on contemporary approaches and main theoretical issues in the discipline. Students will be introduced to different perspectives and practices in the corpus-based analysis of language. Students will be able to understand and evaluate the practical issues surrounding data collection, storage, annotation, and analysis. Throughout the course, students will learn to use different types of corpora that are available, as well as use some of the most common techniques and tools in corpus analysis.		

Course Code:	ENGL 665	Course Title:	Topics and Applications in Translation
Course Description:	This course addresses the most important issues that make up our understanding of Translation Studies as a discipline. It will also provide students with a thorough knowledge of the most important translation theories and relevant issues in addition to the role culture plays in translation.		

Course Code:	ENGL 666	Course Title:	Thesis
Course Description:	This course advances training in applied linguistics by enhancing skills in empirical research methodology, where students conduct a substantial research project in the form of an MA thesis within a formal or non-formal language use setting, allowing for the exploration of language concepts in applied contexts. In collaboration with a tutor, students select a research topic that aligns with the program's goals and scope, focusing on areas such as English as a Foreign Language (EFL), language policy and planning, translation studies, and discourse analysis as applied to professional domains.		