DEPARTMENT OF
LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Graduate Student Orientation
Fall 2018
Degree and Certificate Programs

**Degree**
- Minor in Linguistics
- BA Linguistics
- MA Linguistics
- MA TESOL

**Certificates**
- Graduate Certificate in TESOL
- Undergraduate Certificate in TESOL
- Certificate in Computational Linguistics
Important Departmental Websites and Lists

• LLD Department
  – http://www.sjsu.edu/linguistics/

• LLD Department Facebook
  – https://www.facebook.com/LLD.SJSU

• LLD Department Email List
  – lld-student-list-group@sjsu.edu

• LLDSA Email List
  – llds-group@sjsu.edu
Important University Websites

• Graduate Applications and Program Evaluations (GAPE)
  – http://www.sjsu.edu/gape

• Graduate Studies
  – http://www.sjsu.edu/gradstudies

• Catalog
  – http://info.sjsu.edu/home/catalog.html

• Career Center
  – http://www.careercenter.sjsu.edu
Plans to Graduation

Plan A: Thesis Option
- Completion of 30 units
  - Linguistics
    - 18 core units
    - 1-6 units of 298/299
    - 6-11 units of other electives
  - *TESOL
    - 24/27 core units
    - 1-6 units of 298/299
    - 0-6 units of other electives

Plan B: Non-Thesis Option
- Completion of 30 units
- Passing of a comprehensive exam

*Program requirements have changed for TESOL students entering in Fall 2018. Please consult with your advisor for guidance.
MA TESOL Program Requirements – Fall 2018 Admits

- Prerequisites: LING 101, 107
- Core Courses
  - LLD 250W Becoming a Professional in TESOL/LING
  - LLD 260 English Structures for Teaching I
  - LLD 261 English Structures for Teaching II
  - LLD 270 Second Language Acquisition
  - LLD 271 Intercultural Communication and SLA
  - LLD 280 Methods and Materials in TESOL
  - LLD 282 Practicum in TESOL
  - LLD 283 Curriculum and Assessment in TESOL
  - LLD 293 Teaching College-Level Reading and Writing to Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Classes
- Electives: 3 units under advisement
- Satisfy the **Graduate Writing Requirement**: pass LLD 250W with a B or better
MA Linguistics Program Requirements

• Prerequisites: LING 101, 111, 112
• Core Courses
  – LING 113 Introduction to Phonology
  – LING 114 Introduction to Semantics and Discourse
  – LING 201 Phonology: Theory and Application
  – LING 202 Syntactic Theory
  – LING 203 Semantic Structures
  – LING 213 Linguistics Field Methods
• Electives: 12 units under advisement
• Satisfy the **Graduate Writing Requirement**: LLD 250W with B or better (or other options)
Plan A: Thesis

- Read the Thesis Orientation Guidelines on the LLD website
- Talk to the appropriate coordinator if you have more questions
- Consider your time allotment for your studies (a thesis takes longer!)
- Find an idea to explore
- Find a thesis advisor (must be interested and knowledgeable on the topic)
- Register for 1-3 units of LLD/LING 298 Special Studies
- Prepare a viable, compelling proposal
- Find two other committee members
- Register for 3 units of LLD/LING 299 Thesis Guidance
- Work, Work, Work!
- Submit thesis for approval by the thesis committee and by the Office of Graduate Studies
Plan B: Comprehensive Examination

• Given twice a year, in mid November and in mid April
• Read the Comprehensive exam guidelines on the LLD website
• Attend an Orientation session on the fourth week of the semester
  – This semester, it’ll be on October 12, 3:00-4:00 PM
• Petition to take the exam
  – This semester, the deadline is October 12
• Complete all incompletes by the time the petition is submitted
Basic Comprehensive Exam Outline: TESOL

PART I
- Language Structure & Language Development

PART II
- Social/Psychological Contexts of Language Learning & Teaching

PART III
- Pedagogical Issues
Basic Comprehensive Exam Outline: Linguistics

PART I
• Phonetics & Phonology

PART II
• Syntax & Semantics

PART III
• Computational Linguistics
• Morphology
• Psycholinguistics
• Sociolinguistics
• Second Language Acquisition
• Historical Linguistics
Success in your program

• Visit your advisor at the beginning of your program and EVERY semester after that.
  • You can find out your advisor on a list posted in front of CL 473
• Observe university guidelines on academic honesty
• Communicate on your progress with GAPE in a timely manner, i.e., fill out appropriate forms at required times
• Be PROACTIVE about everything you want to accomplish at SJSU!
Double MA degree

- Talk to an advisor
- Fill out Application form
- 21 units separate
- LLD 250W, 270, 271 common in the two programs
Fall 2018 Critical Dates for Current Students

- Find the list at: http://www.sjsu.edu/linguistics/current_students/index.html
- Aug. 31  Last day to drop courses without a ‘W’
- Sept. 10  Deadline to apply for December 2018 graduation
- Oct. 1?  Candidacy Program due for May 2019 graduation
- Oct. 12  COMPS petition due
- Oct. 12  COMPS Orientation, 3:00-4:00 PM
- Nov. 3?  Thesis due to GradStudies for review for Dec. graduation
- Nov. 16-19  COMPS Weekend
- Dec. 10  COMPS results announced
MA Checklist

- Find the list at: http://www.sjsu.edu/linguistics/current_students/advising/index.html
- See your advisor
- First semester,
  - Begin your prerequisites.
  - Take LLD 250W, if possible, to satisfy GWAR.
- Second semester,
  - Submit Change of Classification form, if admitted ‘conditionally classified’
- Third semester, or after 9 units completed in the program
  - Submit Petition for Advancement to Graduate Candidacy form
- Last semester,
  - Submit Application for Award of Masters degree
  - Petition to take the Comprehensive exam or submit thesis for review.
Forms

• GAPE Forms: [http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/forms/](http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/forms/)
  • Change of Classification in Masters Program
  • Petition for Advancement to Graduate Candidacy
  • Application for Award of Masters Degree (now online)
  • Request for Course Substitution in Masters Program

• LLD Forms: [http://www.sjsu.edu/linguistics/forms/](http://www.sjsu.edu/linguistics/forms/)
  • Petition to take the Comprehensive Examination
  • Intent to submit a thesis proposal
  • Petition for a Graduate Certificate in TESOL
  • Petition for a Computational Linguistics Certificate
Funding opportunities

- College of H&A
- University Scholarships
- Scholarship program for Ph.D. preparation

- **All opportunities are announced in the Spring semester**
Current Tutoring opportunities

- **SJSU Writing Center:**
  - [http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/](http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/)
  - [http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/jobs/index.html](http://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/jobs/index.html)

- **Peer Connections:**
  - [http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu/employment/](http://peerconnections.sjsu.edu/employment/)

- **Linguistics Tutor**
LLD Student Association (LLDSA)

• Meet the officers
• Check out the activities
HAVE AN EXCITING AND PRODUCTIVE FALL 2018 SEMESTER!
Meet the LLD Full-Time Faculty

- Dr. Stefan Frazier
- Dr. Hahn Koo
- Dr. David Malinowski
- Dr. Scott Phillabaum
- Dr. Daniel Silverman
- Dr. Soteria Svorou
- Dr. Julia Swan
- Dr. Swathi Vanniarajan