

❖ **Description of Courses:**

Eng 601	Phonetics & Phonology	3 (3 + 0)
<p>This course crucially enriches PhD students' knowledge about speech sounds. It demonstrates the human vocal tract as well as its mechanism. Furthermore, this course includes some chapters about phonology as well as Optimality Theory. Students learn to describe and classify speech sounds based on their place and manner of articulation and voicing. Students also train in the transcription of words and sentences using the IPA system. Regarding Phonology, students are expected to be capable of accounting for phonological phenomenon using Optimality Theory.</p>		

Eng 602	Syntax	3 (3 + 0)
<p>The course provides students with an overview of syntactic structures. It introduces the syntactic theories and the grammatical concepts underlying government and binding, lexical functional grammar, or both. The empirical and conceptual reasons for the gradual shift from specific conditions on representations and transformations to general and presumably universal principles will be detailed.</p>		

Eng 613	Semantics & Pragmatics	3 (3 + 0)
<p>The course analyzes language from two different but interrelated perspectives. It comprehensively surveys the different theories of meaning. These include referential, ideational, behavioral, as well as use theories. It discusses the Whorfian hypothesis, semantic universals, and propositional logic.</p>		

Eng 603	Research Design & Statistics	3 (3 + 0)
<p>The course integrates the study of qualitative and quantitative research methods with corresponding analytic and statistical concepts. It provides an overview of ethical considerations, research intent and design, methodology and technique, data analysis and interpretation, as well as format and presentation. It requires students to conduct primary research of publishable quality in an area of applied linguistics.</p>		

Eng 604	Sociolinguistics	3 (3 + 0)
<p>The course covers areas of sociolinguistics, such as language variation, language planning, and interactional sociology of language. Topics include dialects, multilingualism, bilingualism, diglossia, creolization, language policies, standard and national languages, Arabization, communicative competence, and the interrelationship among speakers, society, and situations.</p>		

Eng 605	Discourse Analysis	3 (3 + 0)
<p>This course is designed to introduce the student to lexical, syntactic and semantic devices of cohesion, in addition to the principles of linguistic study of literary texts. Prosodic elements, poetics, metrics, rhetoric and literary analysis are also dealt with.</p>		

Eng 606	Special Topics in Applied Linguistics	3 (3 + 0)
<p>The course explores applied linguistics in a broad sense. It deepens knowledge in different interdisciplinary areas of applied linguistics, such as sociolinguistics and psycholinguistics. Students empirically explore topics of interest within discussed fields.</p>		

Eng 607	Second Language Reading & Writing	3 (3 + 0)
<p>The course investigates the practices of reading and writing as language processes, such as the key tenets of genre-based assessment of reading and writing research studies, the skills that foster students' competence in discourse, including the genre-based approaches and the key components of effective reading and writing in second languages.</p>		

Eng 608	Special Topics in SLA	3 (3 + 0)
<p>This course is a seminar that addresses SLA theory and practice. It enables students to explore the various areas that encompass SLA such as bilingualism, second language learning, second language instruction, second language assessment, and second language use.</p>		

Eng 609	Topics in Psycholinguistics	3 (3 + 0)
<p>The aim of this course is to survey and discuss current research in the field of perception, production and comprehension of language as well as language development> the topics include: biological foundations of language; nature of comprehension and production processes and memory for the syntactic, semantic and pragmatic components of language inferencing; language impairment; language and thought.</p>		

Eng 699	Thesis Proposal Preparation	One Unit
<p>The course gives students the opportunity to select research topics based on the different applied linguistics areas they investigated. The department will assign an advisor for each student who will guide him/her throughout the process of the preparation and submission of the proposal. Students must successfully defend their proposals orally before a committee.</p>		

Com 700	Comprehensive Exam	0
<p>After successfully completing the taught courses, students will be eligible to register for this exam. This exam will be designed around students' research interests and on their minor field of specialty.</p>		

Eng 700	Thesis	12 Study Units
<p>In this course students will be required to write a high quality thesis. Students' theses must be related to the field of applied linguistics and to what they have been studying in this program. Each student will be assigned a supervisor who will guide him/her throughout the process.</p>		

