

Master of Arts in BILINGUALISM STUDIES (MA)

The program focuses on several critical issues in the field of Applied Linguistics, including:

- Methodological and technological innovations in second language teaching
- Assessment of second language competence
- Language policy and planning

The primary objective of the program is to offer a strong graduate education in bilingualism studies. Students develop advanced research skills by taking a specialized research methodology course, writing extensive research papers and, where applicable, conducting thesis-related research.

Career Opportunities

Career prospects for the graduates of this program are excellent in **Canada and abroad**. Graduates may find employment in several areas, including the following:

- Teaching ESL or FLS;
- Language planning and evaluation of language policy in government, local/national and international organizations and agencies;
- Working in private sector organizations such as language schools or community-based programs;
- Developing language assessment tools and tests;
- Developing language software.

Admission Requirements

An honours bachelor of arts in Second Language Teaching / didactique des langues secondes (or its equivalent), Applied Linguistics, or a related discipline

OR

A three-year bachelor's degree in Applied Linguistics or a related discipline in addition to a university-level, university administered advanced certificate in TESOL (Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages) that corresponds to at least 30 credits.

The minimum average for admission is 70% (B), calculated according to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies' (FGPS) guidelines.

Program Information

MA with THESIS	MA with RESEARCH PAPER
6 credits from compulsory courses (BIL5101/5501 and BIL5102/5502)*	6 credits from compulsory courses (BIL5101/5501 and BIL5102/5502)*
6 Electives credits	12 credits from elective courses**
Thesis proposal (BIL7990)	Research paper (BIL7998)
Master's thesis (BIL7999)	

* Note that one compulsory course must be completed in English and the other in French.

** With prior program director approval, two electives (6 credits) may be selected from graduate courses offered by other departments.

Additional Information on Admission

Studies	Session for admission (Fall)
Full-time	X
Part-time	X

Language of Instruction

The program will be offered in English and in French, with an equal number of courses in each language. Students will be required to take one compulsory course in English and one in French. Electives can be taken in either language.

Course Examples

- BIL5101 Issues in Bilingualism Studies (3 cr.)
- BIL5104 Trends and Issues in Research on Technology-Assisted Language Learning (3 cr.)
- BIL5106 Adult Second/Foreign Language Skills Development (3 cr.)
- BIL5502 Méthodologies de recherche en études du bilinguisme (3 cr.)
- BIL5503 Évaluation de la compétence en langue seconde (3 cr.)
- BIL5507 Planification et politique linguistiques au Canada (3 cr.)

Financial Support

Our graduate students receive generous financial support through our scholarship programs. To learn more about the eligibility criteria, please visit our website: olbi.uOttawa.ca/ma



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