

Supervised Research for Master of Arts (M.A.)

Students pursuing an M.A. in Linguistics are required to complete a Supervised Research / Independent Study Master's Thesis project as part of their degree requirement. Successful completion of this requirement consists of the following steps:

1. Seek a faculty member to serve as the advisor for your thesis project. You may seek advice from the Executive Officer (EO) to find a suitable research advisor/supervisor. This faculty must be a tenured / tenure-track member of the Linguistics Program. You should submit a title and a 1-page description of what you intend to do for your project to your advisor. Your advisor should agree that this topic will be the focus of your research.
2. Fill out the "Supervised Research Topic Approval" form (below). Submit the advisor-approved form to the EO (copy APO to be kept on file). Submission of this form should occur: (1) at least 1 semester prior to the date when you plan on depositing your thesis, or (2) prior to your enrollment in a Supervised Research / Independent Study Master's Thesis course with your advisor.
3. When the registration period opens, you must contact the EO (copy APO) to enter an override for the registration for the 3-credit Supervised Research / Independent Study Master's Thesis course (LING-89900). Your research advisor will be listed as the instructor for this 3-credit course. During this semester, you should make significant progress on your research, as proposed in your 1-page "Supervised Research Topic Approval" form that was approved by your supervisor.
4. After your research supervisor officially approves your final thesis, you must follow the deposit guideline, see set 5. The supervisor will inform the EO (copying the APO) of their final approval. The supervisor and EO must sign the signature page as indicated in the deposit guidelines.
5. Deposit your thesis with the Mina Rees Library's Dissertation Librarian prior to the official deposit deadlines set by the GC. The thesis must abide by the proper formatting guidelines and other requirements detailed here:
<http://libguides.gc.cuny.edu/content.php?pid=231531>

Supervised Research Topic Approval Form
Master of Arts (M.A.) in Linguistics

This form should be submitted to the EO (copy APO).

Student's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title for Proposed Research Project: _____

Please attach a 1-page description of this research project topic that you propose to undertake for your Supervised Research / Independent Study Master's Thesis course. The 1-page explanation should make it clear what you intend to research, what the expected goal or outcome of the work will be.

What semester do you intend on enrolling in the 3-credit MA Supervised Research Course (LING-89900) with the faculty member listed below as your research advisor?

Semester: _____

Faculty Member Who Will Advise this Research:

Faculty Member Name: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that I approved the student's intended topic and 1-page description. Further, I agree to serve as the research advisor for this student and as the instructor for the 3-credit Supervised Research / Independent Study Master's Thesis course (LING-89900) during the semester listed above. I understand that I have agreed to mentor and oversee this student's research through to the granting of the M.A. degree. The student and I will arrange weekly or bi-weekly progress meetings. If, for any reason I am unable or unwilling to continue to meet this responsibility, I will consult with the Executive Officer, and if necessary the Executive Officer will become the mentor until an acceptable mentor has been found.

Signature: _____ Date: _____