



## Entry Requirements

To help you gain maximum benefits from the programme, you should have a Bachelor's degree from a recognised university, either in English Language Studies, Linguistics or in a relevant field (with evidence of adequate knowledge in language studies). Teaching qualifications and teaching experience, while preferred, are not required for admission.

International applicants whose first language is not English are required to submit an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score. These tests dates must be no more than two years before the date of application.

## Application

Applications may be made online. Hard copies of all supporting documents must be submitted within one week from the date of successful online submission.

For more information on application details, please visit [www.nie.edu.sg/gpl/appl\\_course.htm](http://www.nie.edu.sg/gpl/appl_course.htm).

## Further Queries

For more information please visit [www.nie.edu.sg/maal](http://www.nie.edu.sg/maal) or e-mail us at [nieadmpp@nie.edu.sg](mailto:nieadmpp@nie.edu.sg).

## What students say about the programme:

What is truly enriching about this programme is that it adds to our knowledge of language. But what is even more edifying is that it teaches us how to apply that knowledge to our own teaching.

**Rozi Bahari, Singapore**

The programme aroused great interest in me in studying language use and researching ESL/EFL learning and teaching.

**Chen Bo, China**

The programme helped me to understand sociolinguistic issues of the community I was living in, and to interact positively in an ethnically and linguistically diverse classroom, guided by intelligent, approachable and caring course tutors.

**Sean Lacey, Canada**

The programme in NIE is particularly appropriate for English Language teachers and researchers. I have benefited greatly from the wide range of courses offered here and the insights I have received from the professors. The programme has helped me learn the principles of language research, teaching, and assessment.

**Farnaz Rajabi Mehr, Iran**


The programme kept me critically looking back on my English teaching in Korea and opened my eyes to the power of language and the significance of language teaching in our society.

**Lee Jiyo, Korea**



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# MASTER OF ARTS APPLIED LINGUISTICS

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# Seize the Power of Language

The **Master of Arts (Applied Linguistics)** programme provides a broad-based course of study in the field of applied linguistics, mainly within the fields of language education and language studies, balancing theoretical knowledge with practical application. It is designed primarily for English language teaching professionals who wish to strengthen their academic qualifications for career advancement, but it is also suitable for people with a keen interest in language-related issues.

This programme helps you to develop a strong foundation in theories of linguistics and language learning by providing you with opportunities to critically review current research in applied linguistics. You will also acquire skills for conducting language pedagogy research and examining language-related issues in various contexts, skills which will undoubtedly contribute towards your overall professional development as language educators and researchers. Through this programme, you will be exposed to many new ideas and skills which you can apply to your specific educational and work contexts, and gain a better understanding of various language-related issues and concerns in Singapore and around the world. As a result, you will be in a stronger position to appreciate and harness the power of language in your professional and everyday lives.



## Key features of the MAAL programme:

- Flexible completion routes to suit your needs
- International faculty and student cohort
- Award-winning teachers
- Small class sizes and interactive learning
- Courses that integrate theory and practice
- Solid foundation for future doctoral studies

## Structure

The programme offers two options. You may choose to complete:

- Six courses plus a dissertation (Dissertation option), or
- Seven courses plus an Integrative Project (Coursework option)

## Core Course

- Research Methodology in Applied Linguistics

## Required Specialisation Courses (Choose two)

- Discourse Studies
- Language Acquisition Studies
- Sociolinguistic Perspectives on the Classroom
- Language Teaching Methodology

## Elective Courses (Choose two for dissertation route or three for coursework route)

- Discourse Studies \*\*
- Language Acquisition Studies \*\*
- Sociolinguistic Perspectives on the Classroom \*\*
- Language Teaching Methodology \*\*
- Language Curriculum: Theory and Practice
- Classroom Discourse Analysis
- Oracy Development and Research
- Research in Teaching Written Discourse
- The Culture and Conventions of Academic Writing
- Corpora in Applied Linguistics
- English as an International Language
- Literacies in Society
- Systemic Functional Linguistics
- Topics in Pragmatics
- Language Testing and Assessment
- Critical Literacy: Theory into Practice in the Language Classroom
- The History and Practice of Reading
- Bilingualism and Biliteracy: Theory and Practice
- Second Language Phonology
- Second Language Reading Pedagogy
- Psycholinguistics
- Sociophonetics: Studies of Speech in Society

\*\* Students who have already satisfied the requirement of taking two Required Specialisation courses may opt to take one or both of the two remaining Required Specialisation courses in fulfilment of their electives requirement.

## One Open Elective

The course is to be selected from any of the courses offered in NIE's Master's degree programmes, including the MAAL programme. You are advised to take note of the prerequisites (if any) before registering.

## Duration of Study

You may complete the programme in two to four years on a part-time basis, or one to two years on a full-time basis.

