

PROPOSED PROGRAM SUMMARY

Institution: University of Kentucky
Program Name: Linguistics
Degree Destination: Doctor of Philosophy

CIP Code: 16.0102

Credit Hours: 36

Implementation Date: 8/15/2023

Program Description

The proposed program in linguistics would emphasize sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, and computational linguistics. Students would have the opportunity to engage in high-level linguistics research in those areas. Graduates from the proposed program will demonstrate a sophisticated understanding of the principles and methods of linguistic research as they apply to a range of specific problems.

Connection to Other Programs

The University of Kentucky has the only Linguistics Department in the state, and there is no other Ph.D. in Linguistics offered in Kentucky.

Student Demand

Upon graduation from UK's current Master of Arts in Linguistics program, 50% of graduates enroll in Ph.D. programs across the country. Upon approval, UK plans to phase out the current M.A. program and only offer the Ph.D. level degree for graduate students. The proposed Ph.D. program would allow the department to recruit more highly qualified students from Kentucky and across the country that are interested in this level of graduate studies.

Initial estimates of enrollment are:

Year 1 – 4

Year 2 – 8

Year 3 – 12

Year 4 – 16

Year 5 – 16

Employment Demand

Many of the skills developed through the program include effective oral and written communication, principles and methods of linguistic research, critical thinking, and problem solving, which can be applied to a broad range of career paths. Students will develop a skill set that makes them candidates for academic jobs in higher education. The program also intends to emphasize a range of non-academic career paths such as English as a Second Language coordinator or computational linguist, and professional programs, such as law school or speech and hearing sciences.

Budget

The program will be funded primarily by shifting existing resources for the Master of Arts in Linguistics degree to the Ph.D. program implementation and management. Any additional costs will be covered from the net tuition revenue produced from the Ph.D. program.

Projected Revenue over Next Five Years (\$): \$1,136,707.00

Projected Expenses over Next Five Years (\$): \$1,029,923.00