

University at Buffalo Linguistics M.A. program
Guidelines for the Statement of Purpose

The following questionnaire spells out the kinds of information that inform the UB Linguistics faculty's admissions decisions above all others. We recommend that applicants aim to answer them in their statement of purpose (SoP) specifically though succinctly (including as much relevant detail as can be fitted into a document of a total length of 2-3 pages for the entire SoP). It is not necessary (but could be helpful) to identify the questions individually.

- 1.** Please identify the areas and subfields of linguistics that you are most interested in and most eager to receive training in. We would encourage you to be specific here: if you are interested not only in an area or subfield, but also in a particular approach, school, or research tradition within an area or subfield, we'd encourage you to mention it.
- 2.** Please talk about possible career paths you are interested in and hope that a Masters in Linguistics will facilitate the pursuit of.
- 3.** If you are thinking about possibly going on to a Ph.D. program, then you might also want to take a look at our Ph.D. admissions questionnaire and should feel free to answer some of those questions as well. You will find a copy of the questionnaire on our graduate admissions webpage (<https://arts-sciences.buffalo.edu/linguistics/graduate/admissions.html>). (Please note that the M.A. is not a requirement for the Ph.D. in Linguistics.)