

MA (Second-language Studies)

Programme Codes

51128 – 879(180)

51128 – 889(180) (Please note that this programme will not be offered in 2021)

Specific Admission Requirements

A postgraduate diploma in second-language studies, or an Honours degree/ postgraduate diploma in linguistics, a language, a language-related subject, or speech therapy (logopaedics), or another qualification accepted by Senate as equivalent to such an Honours degree/postgraduate diploma.

Closing Date for Applications

- South African students:
 - Apply by **30 November** of the preceding year.
- International students:
 - Apply by **30 August** of the preceding year.

Programme Structure

The programme focuses on aspects of the phenomenon of second languages which are central to various forms of language practice. These aspects are investigated from various theoretical perspectives, including sociolinguistic and cross-cultural perspectives. You can choose between two options. Both options require independent research on a problematic aspect of second languages:

- **Option 1** – The results of your research are presented in the form of a thesis of 180 credits.
- **Option 2** – The results of your research are presented in the form of a thesis of 90 credits.

Option 2 requires further advanced study of two themes in second-language investigation, for which you must complete a series of assignments in the first semester. You choose your study theme in consultation with the Department. Your choice is determined by the availability of supervisors and your academic background, professional needs and interests.

Programme Content

879:

Compulsory Module

12802 : Thesis (Second-language Studies)	876(180)
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889:

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Compulsory Modules

10060 : Sociolinguistic Perspective	874(45)
12802 : Thesis (Second-language Studies)	846(90)

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Elective Modules

Choose one of the following modules.

10061 : Cross-cultural Perspectives	875(45)
10062 : Language Disorder (Second-language Learners)	876(45)

Assessment and Examination

- **879:** a thesis of 180 credits for module 876(180) that is assessed according to the regulations of Stellenbosch University.
- **889:** a series of assignments for modules 874(45) and 875(45) or 876(45), and a thesis of 90 credits for module 846(90).

Enquiries

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