

# POSTGRADUATE LINGUISTICS IN 2026

## HONOURS

A total of 120 points, consisting of LING490 Dissertation (60 points), plus two 30 point 400-level LING papers.

## COMBINED HONOURS

Passionate about two subjects? Consider combined Honours. Combined Honours takes the same amount of time and number of points but involves a mix of papers from two subjects, as agreed by the two heads of programme.

## COURSEWORK MA

A total of 180 points, consisting of EITHER LING590 Research Dissertation (60 points) plus two 30 point 500-level HUMS papers plus two 30 point 400-level LING papers OR two 30 point 500-level HUMS papers plus four 30 point 400/500-level LING or HUMS papers. One 30 point 400/500-level paper from another programme may be substituted by agreement with the head of programme.

## HONOURS/COURSEWORK MA LING PAPERS IN 2026

LING415	<b>Psycholinguistics (S1)</b>	Hunter Hatfield
LING424	<b>Linguistic Fieldwork (S2)</b>	Simon Overall

## HOW TO APPLY FOR HONOURS OR THE COURSEWORK MA

Application is a two-part process:

1. Please email Postgraduate Coordinator (Linguistics) Simon Overall ([simon.overall@otago.ac.nz](mailto:simon.overall@otago.ac.nz)) to indicate your interest in postgraduate study. If you have not already done so, we will work with you to identify an appropriate supervisor for your dissertation or research essay.
2. Apply online **by 10 December 2025**: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/courses/qualifications/bahons> or <https://www.otago.ac.nz/courses/qualifications/macoursework>

## RESEARCH MA AND PHD

Those who successfully complete an Honours degree may apply to undertake a research MA, which is a substantial independent research project completed in 12-months of full-time study. Those who have completed a research MA, or a coursework MA that includes LING590, may apply to undertake a PhD, which involves three years of full-time study.

## STAFF AND THEIR POSSIBLE AREAS OF SUPERVISION

**Assoc. Prof. Hunter Hatfield** – psycholinguistics, phonology, speech perception, pragmatics, university preparation and outcomes

**Assoc. Prof. Minh Nguyen** – pragmatics in language teaching and learning, second language acquisition, family language policy and heritage language maintenance, child language learning

**Dr. Simon Overall** – morphology, syntax, historical linguistics, Amazonian languages, Andean languages, grammatical description, field linguistics