



Program Approval Form

For approval of new programs and deletions or modifications to an existing program.

Action Requested:

- Create New (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
- Inactivate Existing
- Modify Existing (check ALL that apply)
 - Title (SCHEV approval required except for minors)
 - Concentration (Choose one): Add Delete Modify
 - Degree Requirements
 - Admission Standards/ Application Requirements
 - Other Changes: Addition of another capstone course to the BA in English

Type (Check one):

- B.A. B.S. Minor
- Master's
- Ph.D.
- Undergraduate Certificate*
- Graduate Certificate*
- Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Other:

College/School: CHSS Department: English
 Submitted by: J. Samaine Lockwood Ext: _____ Email: Jlockwo3@gmu.edu

Effective Term: Fall 2018 Please note: For students to be admitted to a new degree, minor, certificate or concentration, the program must be fully approved, entered into Banner, and published in the University Catalog.

Justification: (attach separate document if necessary)

When we redesigned the BA English program, we integrated a capstone experience, based on new rules from the university. To date, we have developed capstone courses for the following concentrations within English: literature (which also covers cultural studies students), writing & rhetoric, film and media studies, and folklore and mythology. This addition of a linguistics capstone is crucial to our program: our linguistics concentrators need a capstone in their own field. This course will fill the current gap. It will also now be required of LING concentrators.

Program Title: (Required)

Title must identify subject matter. Do not include name of college/school/dept.

Concentration(s):

Admissions Standards / Application Requirements: (Required only if different from those listed in the University Catalog)

Degree Requirements:

Consult University Catalog for models, attach separate document if necessary using track changes for modifications

Courses offered via distance: (if applicable)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED:

Existing	New/Modified
English, BA	
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*For Certificates Only: Indicate whether students are able to pursue on a Full-time basis Part-time basis

Approval Signatures

J. Samaine Lockwood 11/30/17 Shannon W. Reed 1/9/18
 Department Date College/School Date

If this program may impact another unit or is in collaboration with another unit at Mason, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Unit Name	Unit Approval Name	Unit Approver's Signature	Date

For Undergraduate Programs only

Shannon W. Reed Undergraduate Council Member _____ Provost Office _____ Undergraduate Council Approval Date

For Graduate Programs Only



Justification: LING 480 (First Language Acquisition) is an undergraduate introduction to the field of child language development. The inquiry in this course begins with the assumption that every normal human child develops a fully formed grammar of the language that he or she is exposed to. By *fully formed grammar* we mean the child becomes a native speaker with respect to the phonology, the syntax, and the semantics of that language. The child does all of this in a relatively short period of time, given no overt training lessons, and with mere exposure to minimal triggering input. LING 480 is concerned with this remarkable acquisition.

We have been offering LING 480 as for more than 3 years now, and we have seen an increase in enrollment during that time. This yearly course is currently an elective for three undergraduate programs: the minor in linguistics, the minor in TESL, and the concentration in linguistics in the English major. It has been taught as a cross-listed class along with the graduate introduction to first language acquisition, LING 580. It is our intention to allow LING 480 to spin off as its own singly listed class as soon as the undergraduate registrants stabilize to a sustainable number. There are approximately 30 students in the English major who are concentrating in linguistics.

Since the course builds upon previous linguistic study and is essentially research-oriented, we believe that it is a perfect candidate to serve as a capstone course for our linguistics concentration in the English major. Our proposal is to move LING 480 from an elective course in the concentration to a required (capstone) course in the concentration.

BA English

Required Courses

Code	Course List Title	Credits
Threshold Course		
<u>ENGH 301</u>	The Fields of English	3
Field Introduction Courses		
<u>ENGH 305</u>	Dimensions of Writing and Literature	3
Select 3 credits from the following:		
<u>LING 306</u>	General Linguistics (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ENGH 315</u>	Folklore and Folklife	
<u>ENGH 318</u>	Introduction to Cultural Studies	
<u>ENGH 372</u>	Introduction to Film (<u>Mason Core</u>)	
<u>ENGH 380</u>	Introduction to Writing and Rhetoric	
<u>ENGH 396</u>	Introduction to Creative Writing (<u>Mason Core</u>)	
Theory Course		
<u>ENGH 308</u>	Theory and Inquiry	3
Capstone Course		
Select 3 credits from the following:		
<u>ENGH 401</u>	RS: Honors Thesis Writing Seminar (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ENGH 417</u>	RS: Topics in Folklore Research (<u>Mason Core</u>)	
<u>ENGH 458</u>	RS: Topics in Literary Research (<u>Mason Core</u>)	
<u>ENGH 470</u>	RS: Topics in Film/Media History (<u>Mason Core</u>)	
	<u>LING 480 First Language Acquisition</u> (<u>Mason Core</u>)	
<u>ENGH 484</u>	RS: Writing Ethnography (<u>Mason Core</u>)	
<u>ENGH 486</u>	RS: Writing Nonfiction for Publication (<u>Mason Core</u>)	

Concentration in Linguistics (LING)

Code	Course List Title	Credits
<u>LING 306</u>	General Linguistics (<u>Mason Core</u>)	36
<u>LING 480</u>	First Language Acquisition (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
Select 69 credits from the following:		
<u>LING 307</u>	English Grammar	
<u>LING 450</u>	Introduction to Sociolinguistics	
<u>LING 480</u>	First Language Acquisition	
<u>LING 485</u>	Semantics and Pragmatics	
<u>LING 486</u>	Syntax I	
<u>LING 490</u>	Generative Phonology	
<u>LING 499</u>	Independent Study	
<u>LING 507</u>	Field Work in Applied Linguistics	
<u>LING 521</u>	Applied Linguistics: Teaching English as a Second Language	

Code	Course List Title	Credits
<u>LING 523</u>	English Phonetics	
<u>LING 581</u>	Psycholinguistics	
<u>LING 582</u>	Second Language Acquisition	
Total Credits		12
