

Supervised Research for Master of Arts (MA) with a Specialization in Computational Linguistics, CUNY Graduate Center

Students pursuing an MA in Computational Linguistics are required to complete a Supervised Research project as part of their degree requirements. Successful completion of this requirement consists of eight steps:

1. Meeting with a faculty member who agrees to serve as the advisor for your thesis project. This faculty member should be a member of the Linguistics Program faculty or a member of the Computational Linguistics faculty. The topic you select should be in the area of computational linguistics. You should plan a title and a 1-page description of what you intend to do for your project, and your advisor should agree that this topic will be the focus of your research.
2. Filling out the “Supervised Research Topic Approval” form (below), obtaining your potential advisor’s signature on this form, and submitting this form to the Director of the Computational Linguistics MA program. This should occur: (1) at least four months prior to the date when you plan on depositing your thesis AND (2) prior to your enrolment in a Supervised Research course with your advisor.
3. Waiting for the Director of the Computational Linguistics MA program to approve your “Supervised Research Topic Approval” form. You must obtain approval for your topic prior to the start of your Supervised Research course.
4. After obtaining approval for your topic, you may enroll in the 1-credit MA Supervised Research course (LING-899). Your research advisor will be listed as the instructor for this 1-credit course. During this semester, you should make significant progress on your research, as proposed in your 1-page “Supervised Research Topic Approval” form that was approved by the MA Program Director.
5. Writing a Masters Thesis that describes and summarizes your research.
6. Your research advisor must approve your thesis and sign it to indicate that it is acceptable and complete. The Executive Officer (EO) of the Linguistics Graduate Program must also approve and sign your thesis.
7. Giving a public presentation of your research (longer than 25-minutes). This may be scheduled as part of an on-going seminar series or as a special event.
8. Depositing your thesis with the Mina Rees Library prior to the official deadlines. The thesis must abide by the proper formatting guidelines and other requirements. <http://libguides.gc.cuny.edu/content.php?pid=231531>

Note: Steps 7 and 8 may occur in either order, but the student must give a public presentation of his/her research prior to graduation.

Supervised Research Topic Approval Form
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This form should be submitted with a 1-page description of your project and your potential advisor's signature below to the Director of the Computational Linguistics MA Program prior to: (1) your enrolment in the Supervised Research course and (2) four- months before your intended date of depositing your MA thesis to the Mina Rees Library.

Student's Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title for Proposed Research Project: _____

Please attach a 1-page description of this research project topic that you propose to undertake for your Supervised Research course. The 1-page explanation should make it clear what you intend to research, what the expected goal or outcome of the work will be, and how this research connects to the field of computational linguistics.

What semester do you intend on enrolling in the 1-credit MA Supervised Research Course (LING-899) with the faculty member listed below as your research advisor?

Semester: _____

Faculty Member Who Will Advise this Research:

Faculty Member Name: _____

By signing below, the faculty member indicates that he/she has seen a copy of the student's intended topic and 1-page description. Further, the faculty member agrees to serve as the research advisor for this student's research and as the instructor for the 1-credit Supervised Research course (LING-899) during the semester listed above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Receipt Date: _____ Approval: _____ Date: _____