

Foundations of English Linguistics: Essential Reading List for MA Candidates

About This List

This reading list is designed to provide prospective MA students with a solid foundation in the core areas of linguistics. Our program moves beyond the rote memorization of technical definitions; we aim to foster a “linguistic mindset” that enables you to analyze how language functions as a living, dynamic system in real-world contexts.

The following resources have been selected for their clarity and analytical depth. They will help you transition from the role of a language user or teacher to that of a researcher in linguistics. Whether you are exploring the strategic use of "lexical bundles" in academic writing, the pragmatic functions of discourse markers, or the social identity constructed through speech, these texts will provide the necessary tools for your journey. We value your ability to bridge the gap between theory and data, and we expect you to use these readings to develop an observant, critical, and analytical eye for the intricacies of human communication.

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