

## Information for freshly recruited MA students

Dear all,

First of all, we are very excited that you are joining us very shortly. Welcome to our program. We would like to share some reminders and try to answer some commonly asked questions. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions.

To get an MA degree from our ELT Program, you need to complete 3 compulsory, 4 elective and 3 non-credit courses.

In an ideal situation in which you receive your MA degree in 2 years, here is one suggestion on how you could pick your courses.

	MA in ELT
<b>Semester 1</b>	ELT 506 Second Language Acquisition ELT 554 Quantitative Research Methods and Ethics in Language Research Elective 1 Elective 2
<b>Semester 2</b>	ELT 555 Qualitative Research: Theory and Methods ELT 590 Seminar in ELT (By the end of the first semester, you are expected to choose your MA supervisor and take this course from her/his section) Elective 3 Elective 4
<b>Semester 3</b>	ELT 599 Master's Thesis (Pick the section offered by your MA supervisor) ELT 801-850 Special Studies (Pick the section offered by your MA supervisor)
<b>Semester 4</b>	ELT 599 Master's Thesis (Pick the section offered by your MA supervisor) ELT 801-850 Special Studies (Pick the section offered by your MA supervisor)

But of course, this ideal situation is rarely accomplished as most of our students are also working, so you can also extend the course period to two-years depending on your own situation. Here is another possible path you could follow.

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## Commonly Asked Questions

- 1- I am required to take some undergraduate courses to complete a scientific preparation semester/year. Am I considered an undergraduate student?

No, you are considered an MA student who is in her/his scientific prep period.

- 2- My work schedule does not let me complete my scientific preparation courses in the designated period (one semester or one year).

Please come and talk to us as soon as possible. We do not promise but we will do our best to guide you on how you can proceed.

- 3- Can I take an elective course from another department?

Yes, as long as you communicate this to your supervisor and get an approval you can take two courses from another department.

- 4- I had previously taken an MA course from another institution/department, how can I use this course to decrease the course load of my program.

Talk to your supervisor, if we think that the course is relevant and can be counted as one of your must/elective courses, you need to write a petition to the program head and get it approved/signed from your supervisor.

- 5- Who will inform me about the academic calendar, registration process, and rules/regulations?

We expect each student (be it an undergraduate or graduate) to take the responsibility of their own learning process and get familiarized with the system using the websites.

Academic calendar: <https://oidb.metu.edu.tr/akademik-takvim>

Registrar's office: <http://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/>

Registration: <http://oidb.metu.edu.tr/en/how-will-you-register>

Rules and regulations: <https://sbe.metu.edu.tr/en/rules-and-registrations>

METU FLE Graduate Programs: <https://fle.metu.edu.tr/en/graduate-programs-0>

Interactive registration: <https://register.metu.edu.tr/>

- 6- I work out of town and I will not be able to come for course approvals, is there anything I can do?

Talk to your supervisor and ask her/him about their policy on this matter.