

Navoi State University – Linguistics: Uzbek Language

Program Duration: 2 years

Mode of Study: Full-time

Program Code: 70230101

Total Workload: 120 ECTS credits

ECTS credits per semester: 30

Overview

The Master's degree program in **Linguistics: Uzbek Language** (Program Code: 70230101) at Navoi State University is a two-year, full-time academic program comprising a total workload of 120 ECTS credits (30 ECTS per semester). The program is designed to prepare highly qualified linguists, Turkologists, Uzbek language researchers, literary analysts, translators, and educators equipped with advanced knowledge in theoretical linguistics, computational Uzbek linguistics, sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, and modern methods of teaching the Uzbek language as a native, second, or foreign language.

The curriculum integrates deep theoretical studies in Uzbek grammar, historical linguistics, dialectology, terminology, and comparative Turkic linguistics with practical research methodologies and digital humanities applications. Students gain expertise in text analysis, corpus linguistics, dictionary compilation, literary criticism, and pedagogical techniques. The program places strong emphasis on elevating the status of the Uzbek language, developing digital linguistic software (NLP for Uzbek), supporting language policy, and expanding regional linguistic research in Uzbekistan.

Graduates of this program are fully equipped to pursue careers as university lecturers, language research scientists, literary editors, translators, content developers, language policy advisors, and administrative officers in public governance, as well as to continue their studies at the doctoral (PhD) level.

Assessment

A comprehensive and multi-component assessment system is applied in the Master's program in Linguistics: Uzbek Language to ensure continuous learning, scientific rigor, analytical competence, and pedagogical proficiency.

1. Course-based assessment

- **Presentations and seminars** – assess students' ability to analyze, present, and defend linguistic research, theoretical grammar frameworks, discourse models, and Uzbek literary reviews in academic settings.
- **Mini-tests, quizzes, and oral exams** – monitor understanding of core theoretical concepts, phonetics, morphology, syntax, semantics, and sociolinguistic theories.

- **Midterm and final examinations** – evaluate theoretical depth, text analysis capabilities, and linguistic problem-solving through written examinations and essay analyses.
 - **Portfolio assignments** – compile linguistic field logs, dialectological survey reports, translation samples, educational lesson plans, and research paper drafts demonstrating progressive skill development.
 - **Independent assignments** – encourage independent Uzbek philological research, corpus data processing, comparative text analysis, and theoretical literature reviews.
2. **Research-based assessment**
- **Scientific Research Work (ITI)** – evaluated through research proposals, linguistic data collection reports, text analysis progress reports, and defense of research outcomes before the department.
 - **Scientific and Pedagogical Work (IPI)** – evaluated via teaching practice, preparation of practical Uzbek language lesson plans, instructional materials, and academic reporting.
 - **Master’s Thesis (MD/M)** – evaluated based on scientific originality, linguistic accuracy, methodological rigor, thesis writing quality, and public defense before the State Attestation Commission.
3. **Practice-based assessment**
- **Educational and Linguistic Practice** – evaluated through performance in higher education institutions, research institutes, publishing houses, media agencies, and state language departments, accompanied by comprehensive practice reports.
 - **Pre-graduation practice** – assessed on the integration of linguistic research findings and final thesis preparation.
4. **Work-integrated learning**
- **Linguistic & Translation Projects** – assessed on analytical precision, text composition quality, stylistic appropriateness, and practical alignment with national language standards.

Academic Requirements

Admission Requirements-Applicants applying for the Master’s degree program in Linguistics: Uzbek Language (Code: 70230101) must satisfy the following criteria:

- **Educational background** – A Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent qualification) in philology, Uzbek language and literature, linguistics, translation studies, or language education from a recognized higher education institution.
- **Academic excellence** – Applicants holding an honors diploma (*imtiyozli diplom*) are eligible for preferential admission according to current regulations of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- **Language proficiency** – Native or C1-level proficiency in Uzbek and a valid national or international certificate demonstrating foreign language proficiency (CEFR B2 level, IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) in English, Russian, or another recognized foreign language.

Graduation Requirements

To be granted the Master of Arts degree in Linguistics: Uzbek Language, students are required to:

- Complete all compulsory and elective modules specified in the curriculum, accumulating a total of **120 ECTS credits** (30 ECTS per semester).

- Maintain standard academic standing according to Navoi State University regulations (passing marks in all subjects).
- Successfully complete all practical trainings (teaching internship, research practice, and pre-graduation practice) with positive performance evaluations.
- Fulfill all research requirements (Scientific Research Work and Scientific-Pedagogical Work).
- Prepare, submit, and successfully defend a **Master's Thesis** demonstrating independent linguistic research before the State Attestation Commission.
- Pass all required state attestation processes.

Courses Offered

Year 1

Compulsory:

- Research Methodology and Scientific Writing in Uzbek Linguistics
- Reforms in the Education System under the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan
- History and Philosophy of Linguistic Science
- Modern Theoretical Issues of Modern Uzbek Grammar
- Cognitive Linguistics and Psycholinguistics in Uzbek Philology

Elective:

- Sociolinguistics, Language Policy, and State Language Development
- Text Linguistics and Discourse Analysis of Modern Uzbek
- Modern Methods of Teaching Uzbek as a Native, Second, and Foreign Language
- Regulatory Documents and Quality Standards in Philological Education
- Computational Linguistics, Natural Language Processing (NLP), and Uzbek Corpus Design

Year 2

Compulsory:

- Comparative Turkology and History of the Uzbek Language
- Terminology, Lexicography, and Uzbek Dictionary Compilation
- Pragmalinguistics and Stylistics of the Modern Uzbek Language

Elective:

- Theory and Practice of Translation (Uzbek–English–Russian)
- Literary Stylistics and Textual Analysis
- Semiotics and Media Discourse Analysis in Uzbek Media
- Professional Morality and Ethics in Scientific Research
- Uzbek Dialectology and Ethnolinguistics
- Linguoculturology and Uzbek Onomastics
- Mass Media Language, Public Relations, and Copywriting in Uzbek

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Master's degree program in Linguistics: Uzbek Language acquire high-level analytical, text-editing, intercultural, and pedagogical capabilities, enabling them to pursue careers across educational, media, publishing, government, and scientific sectors:

- **University Lecturer / Teacher of Uzbek Language and Literature** in higher education institutions, academic lyceums, specialized schools, and language academies.
- **Research Scientist / Philologist** in research institutes under the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan (e.g., Alisher Navo'i Institute of Language, Literature and Folklore) and scientific research centers.
- **Advisor on State Language Issues (Davlat tili bo'yicha maslahatchi)** in government ministries, regional khokimiyats, state organizations, and public enterprises.
- **Translator / Interpreter / Localizer** in international organizations, government agencies, media networks, and publishing firms (Uzbek–English–Russian).
- **Literary Editor / Proofreader / Copywriter** in publishing houses, newspapers, magazines, digital news portals, and advertising agencies.
- **Computational Linguist / NLP Specialist Assistant** working on Uzbek language corpora, online dictionaries, automated machine translation systems, and speech recognition software.
- **Press Secretary / Cultural Officer** in government departments, cultural centers, and international business enterprises.
- **Education Project Manager** in international educational organizations and non-governmental bodies focusing on language preservation, literacy, and culture.

Tuition Fees

- **For local students:** Approximate annual tuition – 9,700,000 UZS.
- **For international students:** Approximate annual tuition – 774.28 USD.

(Note: Tuition fees are subject to adjustment in accordance with university policy and foreign currency exchange rates.)

Learning Outcomes

Master's Degree in Linguistics: Uzbek Language

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

1. Knowledge

- **1.1.** Demonstrate advanced knowledge of the historical evolution, theoretical frameworks, grammatical structures, and contemporary paradigms of Uzbek linguistics and Turkology.
- **1.2.** Understand concepts in cognitive linguistics, sociolinguistics, pragmalinguistics, discourse analysis, and linguoculturology within Turkic language studies.
- **1.3.** Explain principles of computational linguistics, corpus design, automated text processing algorithms, and electronic dictionary building for the Uzbek language.
- **1.4.** Demonstrate knowledge of modern pedagogical methodologies for teaching Uzbek as a mother tongue, second language, and foreign language.
- **1.5.** Recognize national laws, educational standards, state language legislation, copyright laws, and strategic language development policies in Uzbekistan.

2. Skills

- **2.1.** Perform deep theoretical, structural, historical, and semantic analyses of complex classical and contemporary Uzbek texts.
- **2.2.** Apply digital humanities tools, linguistic corpora, and computational software for lexicographic research and data processing in Uzbek.
- **2.3.** Translate and edit academic, technical, literary, and official documents between Uzbek, English, and Russian with stylistic accuracy.
- **2.4.** Design and deliver higher-education courses, lesson modules, and assessment materials for Uzbek language and linguistic subjects.
- **2.5.** Prepare rigorous scientific articles, academic reviews, text analyses, educational materials, and publishable research theses.
- **2.6.** Effectively present linguistic research findings, state language strategies, and textual analysis to scientific boards, public administration, and student audiences in national and foreign languages.

3. Competences

- **3.1. Linguistic & Research Competence** – Conduct independent, scientifically grounded, and methodologically sound research in theoretical, historical, and applied Uzbek linguistics.
- **3.2. Language Governance & Policy Competence** – Oversee state language compliance, guide terminology standardization, and manage language policy initiatives in public and private institutions.
- **3.3. Methodological & Educational Competence** – Teach Uzbek language and linguistic subjects at higher education levels using modern interactive and digital pedagogical methods.
- **3.4. Computational & Editorial Competence** – Manage publishing projects, text editing workflows, digital corpus creation, and linguistic consulting in academic and technological environments.
- **3.5. Professional Ethics & Scientific Integrity** – Uphold high standards of academic honesty, intellectual property ethics, linguistic respect, and cultural heritage preservation in research and education.
- **3.6. Lifelong Learning Competence** – Continuously expand philological knowledge, adopt modern digital text-processing tools, and participate in national and international Turkology and linguistics conferences.