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# *B.A. in Linguistics*

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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## *What is the Study of Linguistics?*

Linguistics, the science of language, is an interdisciplinary field which relates to the diversity of the cultures and languages of the world. It is an integral part of most serious pursuits dealing with aspects of language study and/or analysis. As the boundaries of the world change, an understanding of individual languages and cultures becomes increasingly more important. Communication in this complex society requires knowledge of the workings of languages, as well as their interrelationship with their respective cultures.

## *Why Should I Consider This Major?*

All Linguistics majors are expected to acquire a rudimentary knowledge of the functions of language at various levels and knowledge of the techniques/methods used in language analysis. A student of Linguistics will thereby significantly advance his/her appreciation of linguistic and cultural diversity.

## *How to Declare:*

To declare a major in Linguistics, students must have completed the Introduction Course (LING 201, or ENGL 370 or TESOL 401) with a grade of "B-" or better and have a minimum GPA of at least 2.5.

Students should contact the Linguistics Director when ready to declare the major.

## *Mid-Program Checkpoint:*

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Linguistics within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

### **Coursework:**

Complete one year of a non-IE language (Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, ASL, or other) or a second year of another language.

Complete LING 201, ENG 370, or TESL 401 with a grade of B- or better.

### **Other Activities:**

Become familiar with campus resources such as Career Services and Academic Advising.

### *Contact Information:*

Linguistics Department Website:  
<http://linguistics.wvu.edu/>

Linguistics Director:  
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### *Sample Careers:*

Archivist  
Linguist  
Librarian  
Historian  
Teacher  
Anthropologist  
Language Specialist  
Computer Assistant  
Researcher  
Faculty Member



# Linguistics Major Requirements: 59 Credits

## Language Courses: 12-15 credits

For native speakers of IE languages, one college year of a non-IE language (American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese or Korean) or a second year in another language is required. For native speakers of non-IE languages alternate arrangements may be made. (12-15 credits)

## Linguistic Courses: 37-38 credits

LING 201: Introduction to Linguistics Science (5)

or ENG 370: Introduction to Language (5)

or TESL 401: Intro to English Linguistics for TESOL (4)

LING 204 Sociolinguistics (4)

Or ENGL 270 Introduction to Language and Society (5)

LING 314 Phonetics (4)

LING 315 Phonology (4)

LING 321 Syntax I (4)

LING 322 Syntax II

LING 331 Semantics (4)

Two LING 400-level courses (*LING 425 cannot count towards the major*)

Colloquium Presentation (LING 099):

A presentation or co-presentation at one of the scheduled student colloquia is a requirement for completion of the major. Students are required to enroll for LING 099 during the quarter in which the presentation is given

Additional credit concentration with at least one additional upper division course in related department under advisement:

## English Option

ENG 370 Introduction to Language (5), *replaces LING 201*

Selected courses under advisement, which may include:

ENG 436 Structure of English (5)

ENG 438 Cultural History of English (5)

ENG 439 Topics in Language & Linguistics (5)

ENG 442 Studies in Literacy and Learning (5)

## Anthropology Option

ANTH 247 Language in Culture & Society (5)

Electives under advisement to include anthropology linguistics courses (ANTH 347, 447, and select sections of ANTH 490).

## Communication Sciences & Disorders Option

Under Advisement, selected courses from:

CSD 352 Anatomy/Physiology of Speech Mechanisms (5)

CSD 353 Speech Science (5)

CSD 354 Speech & Language Development in Children (3)

CSD 356 Phonetics (3)

CSD 361 Language Disorders, Birth to Five (4)

## Computer Science Option

Applicable courses in Computational Linguistics under departmental advisement; additional work under advisement

## Modern and Classical Language Option

314 course in the language (4)

Additional credits under advisement; this may include a second foreign language or additional coursework in Linguistics or LANG 410 Second Language Acquisition: Theory (3)

## Philosophy Option

PHIL 102 Introduction to Logic (3)

PHIL 202 Intermediate Logic (4)

PHIL 403 Philosophy of Language (3)

## Psychology option

PSY 101, 210, 220, 301, 318

## \*TESOL/Bilingual Education option

Completion of the TESOL/Bilingual Education Certificate or Minor, coursework under advisement

## *Other Linguistic options:*

Minor in Linguistics (25 credits)

**These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements:**

**COM:** European or Non-European Foreign Language 103, 104, 201

**HUM:** European Foreign Language 200+

**SSC:** LING 201, 204, ANTH 201

**ACGM:** Non-European Foreign Language 200

**WP:** Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.