

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.

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Why should I consider a Linguistics 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.

Sample Career Fields:

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

Declaring a Linguistics Major:

To declare a major in Linguistics, students must have completed the Introduction Course (LING 201, or ENGL 370 or ANTH 348 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 (Chinese, Japanese or Korean) or a second year of another language.

LING 201, 204

Other Activities:

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

Linguistic Major Requirements: 55 Credits

Language Courses: 12-15 credits

For native speakers of IE languages, one college year of a non-IE language (Chinese, Japanese or Korean) or second year of other language. 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 ANTH 348: Anthropological Linguistics (5)
or TESL 401: Intro to English Linguistics for TESOL (4)
LING 204 Sociolinguistics (4)
LING 301 Phonology (4)
LING 302 Morphology (4)
LING 303 Syntax (4)
LING 314 Phonetics (4)
LING 402 Topics in Linguistics (4) (must be taken twice)

Additional credit concentration with at least one additional 400-level 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 The Structure of English (5)
ENG 438 Cultural History of English (5)
ENG 439 Topics in Language & Linguistics (5)

Anthropology Option:

ANTH 201 Intro to Cultural Anthropology (5)
ANTH 348 Anthropological Linguistics (5), *replaces LING 201*
One of the following under advisement:
ANTH 247 Language in Culture & Society (5)
ANTH 448 Intermediate Anthropological Linguistics (5)

Communication Sciences & Disorders Option:

Other Linguistic options:

Minor in Linguistics (25 credits)

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 I (3)
CSD 373 Introduction to Phonology (3)
CSD 451 Language Disorders II (3)

Computer Science Option:

Applicable courses in Computational Linguistics under Departmental advisement. Additional work under advisement.

Modern and Classical Language Option:

LANG 314 Phonetics Course in the Language (4)
Additional credits under advisement; this may include a second foreign language 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)

TESOL option:

TESL 401 Intro to English Linguistics for TESOL (4), *replaces LING 201*
TESL 410 Second Language Acquisition Theory for TESOL (4)
TESL 420 Methods & Materials for Basic Communication (5)
TESL 421 Methods and Materials for Academic Language Proficiency (5)

A presentation or co-presentation at one of the scheduled student colloquia is a requirement for completion of the major.

These required or elective courses will also satisfy the GUR or other Graduation Requirement:

BCOM: 103, 104 or 201 class in European Foreign Languages
103, 104 or 201 class in Non-European Foreign Languages
HUM: 200+ classes in European foreign languages
SSC: LING 201, 204, ANTH 201
ACGM: 200+ classes in Non-European Foreign Languages
WP: LING 402