Linguistics

Language is both a means of social communication and a unique property of the human mind. As such, linguistics - the scientific study of language - has a broad appeal to students who are interested in the social sciences, the humanities, computer science, or the life sciences. The undergraduate program in linguistics helps students understand the diversity of human modes of communication, the social and psychological origins of language, and the processes by which languages are learned and lost. A major in linguistics thus provides students with a focused but broad-based education in the liberal arts. In addition, the way linguists think about their subject has greatly influenced the development of other disciplines such as anthropology, computer science, language teaching, philosophy, psychology, and sociology. A degree in linguistics will thus be of great value to students intending to pursue careers in these fields.

Graduates of the linguistics program who enter the work force immediately after graduating find employment in a wide variety of settings as teachers, writers, translators, editors, civil servants, community developers, policy makers, analysts, etc. Graduates who go on to advanced study find themselves well prepared for professional careers in fields such as linguistics, language teaching, educational administration, development of educational and assessment materials, language planning, language research, speech pathology, lexicography, publishing, and foreign service.

Two tracks are available in the B.A. degree in Linguistics. The first track (Theoretical Linguistics) provides students with a solid grounding in linguistic theory and application; the second track (ESL/Bilingual Education/English as a new language [ENL]) focuses primarily on teaching English to new speakers of the language in an ESL, EFL, or bilingual setting. Majors in both tracks are required to obtain a grade of C or better in each of the required courses.

Because the study of theoretical linguistics involves analysis of languages other than one’s native language, the theoretical linguistics track requires either one year of an uncommon or non-Western language or two years of any other foreign language. The ESL/Bilingual Education/ENL track requires one year of study of any foreign language, to allow time for additional coursework that these students may choose to take in order to obtain an endorsement to a Professional Educator License. Either course of study satisfies the foreign language requirement of the College of Liberal Arts.

The theoretical linguistics track of the major consists of a minimum of 33 semester hours. This includes 12 hours of required foundation courses and 21 hours chosen from linguistics electives covering a broad range of subfields within the discipline. This flexibility allows linguistics students to double-major in a variety of other fields.

Required courses for the theoretical linguistics track: (12 semester hours)

- LING 200 Language, Society, and the Mind
- LING 300 Introduction to Descriptive Linguistics
- LING 405 Introduction to Phonological Theories
- LING 408 Introduction to Syntactic Theory

The 21 hours of electives may include (but are not limited to) courses on the following list. They must include 15 hours at the 400-level including a linguistics course designated Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC). Up to six hours may be drawn from other departments such as English, Psychology, Anthropology, and Languages, Cultures, and International Trade, subject to approval of the Linguistics faculty.

Sampling of acceptable electives (21 semester hours)

- LING 320I Language, Gender, and Power
- LING 340 Second Language Acquisition
• LING 400 Formal Semantics
• LING 402 Phonetics
• LING 406 Introduction to Historical Linguistics (WAC)
• LING 415 Sociolinguistics
• LING 426 Gender, Culture, and Language
• LING 440 Topics in Linguistics (may be repeated)
• LING 443 Bilingualism
• LING 445 Psycholinguistics
• LING 452 Field Methods in Linguistics (WAC; may be repeated)

The ESL/Bilingual Education/ENL track of the major consists of a minimum of 33 semester hours. These courses comprise a core of basic courses in the structure of the English language and pedagogical methods.

**Required courses for ESL/Bilingual Education/ENL track:**

• LING 200 Language, Society, and the Mind OR 201 Language Diversity in the USA
• LING 300 Introduction to Descriptive Linguistics
• LING 340 Second Language Acquisition
• LING 341 Introduction to Intercultural Communication
• LING 353 Methods and Materials of TESOL
• LING 470 Theoretical Foundations of Teaching ESL and Bilingual Students (WAC)
• LING 472 Assessment of ESL and Bilingual Students

In addition to these core courses, twelve semester hours of Linguistics electives are also required. Up to six hours may be drawn from other departments such as English, Psychology, Anthropology, and Languages, Cultures, and International Trade, subject to approval of the Linguistics faculty.

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Linguistics Degree Requirements**

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### Linguistics Minor

The minor in linguistics is 18 hours of study and draws upon core courses from the Department of Linguistics. It introduces students to the science of language and to aspects of linguistic structure and language use. A minor in linguistics may be of special interest to students in anthropology, computer science, education, English, foreign languages and literatures, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, sociology, communication studies, and communication disorders and sciences.

Course requirements for the minor in linguistics are LING 200 and LING 300, plus at least four additional LING courses (12 semester hours) including two (six semester hours) at the 400-level. LING 480A does not count toward the minor in linguistics.

### Linguistics Courses

**LING100 - Speaking and Listening in English as a Second Language** Oral conversational and academic English. An elective for students who do not speak English as their first language. Classes are offered at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. May be repeated at three different levels for a maximum of 9 credit hours. Mandatory Pass/Fail. Credit Hours: 3

**LING101 - English Composition I for ESL Students** (University Core Curriculum) [IAI Course: C1 900] The first course in the university's two-course required composition sequence designed for ESL students. This course helps ESL writers become more comfortable with and proficient in academic writing in English. To this end, Linguistics 101 teaches students processes and strategies for planning, drafting, revising, and editing their English writing for academic audiences. Course assignments focus on writing from primary and secondary sources. ESL equivalent to University Core Curriculum English 101. Credit Hours: 3

**LING102 - English Composition II for ESL Students** (University Core Curriculum) [IAI Course: C1 901R] The second course in the university's two-course required composition sequence designed for ESL students. This course helps ESL writers become more comfortable with and proficient in research writing
for academic audiences. Linguistics 102 focuses on writing from secondary sources, teaching students processes and strategies for planning, drafting, revising, and editing papers that incorporate published material. All aspects of the research process are addressed, from locating and evaluating relevant sources to incorporating and documenting these sources in papers written for various purposes. Students must earn a grade of C or better in LING 101 or ENGL 101 before beginning LING 102. For credit in the University Core Curriculum, students must earn a "C" or better in 102. Equivalent to University Core Curriculum ENGL 102. Prerequisite: LING 101 or ENGL 101. Credit Hours: 3

LING104 - Grammar in Language Description and explanation of the major grammatical categories and structures found in a wide variety of languages, including English. Consideration of the role of language structures in such topics as the nature, origin, acquisition, and variation of language. Course is designed to give students insight into the basic concepts of grammar and show their interrelationship, importance, and functioning in human language. Credit Hours: 3

LING200 - Language, Society, and the Mind (University Core Curriculum) What distinguishes humans from other animals? This course addresses how language is a uniquely human phenomenon by exploring issues in language and society and psychological aspects of language use. Topics include language in conversation, differences between speakers of different ages/genders/regions/social groups, first and second language acquisition, bilingualism, language meaning and change, and the relationship between language and culture. Credit Hours: 3

LING201 - Language Diversity in the USA (University Core Curriculum) An examination of different varieties of English and the growing presence of other languages in the United States. Local, regional, and national perspectives are used to review current patterns of language diversity and to explore the impact of language issues on policies and practices in education, the legal system, and the work place. Credit Hours: 3

LING290 - Advanced English Composition for ESL Students This course helps ESL writers refine their writing in English, with a focus on broadening their understanding of the rhetorical expectations of the types of writing done in their professional disciplines, both in academia and in industry. Assignments focus on the exploration of research methods and writing tasks involved in various fields and in the job application process. Students must earn a grade of C or better in LING 102 or ENGL 102 before beginning LING 290. Prerequisite: LING 101 or ENGL 101 and LING 102 or ENGL 102. Credit Hours: 3

LING298 - Multicultural Applied Experience (Multicultural Applied Experience Course) An applied experience, service-oriented credit in American diversity involving a group different from the student's own. Difference can be manifested by age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, political affiliation, race, or class. Students can sign up for the one-credit experience in the same semester they fulfill the multicultural requirement for the University Core Curriculum or coordinate the credit with a particular core course on American diversity, although neither is required. Students should consult the department for course specifications regarding grading, work requirements, and supervision. Graded Pass/Fail. Credit Hours: 1

LING300 - Introduction to Descriptive Linguistics An introductory survey of descriptive and theoretical linguistics: assumptions, methods, goals, terminology, and data manipulation. Credit Hours: 3

LING301 - Language in Culture and Society (Same as ANTH 301) The problem of the uniqueness of human language and how it fits into culture and society. The origin and development of language. Topics covered include animal and human communication, language and world view, and the meaning of meaning. Credit Hours: 3

LING302 - From Esperanto to Dothraki: The Linguistic Reality of Invented Languages Introduction to the study of and creation of constructed languages (Conlangs) with a special focus on the typology of natural languages. Credit Hours: 3

LING320I - Language, Gender, and Power (University Core Curriculum) (Same as WGSS 320I) This course looks at language practices and men and women from different cultures in terms of how speech reflects and shapes their social identities. Perspectives from the fields of linguistics, anthropology, psychology, sociology, and communication studies will be used. Credit Hours: 3
LING330 - Language and Behavior  A wide-ranging examination of the implications of language study for people's view of themselves and their place in the world. Topics deal with the pervasiveness of verbal and non-verbal language in various aspects of modern society. Credit Hours: 3

LING340 - Second Language Acquisition  (Same as PSYC 345) Introduction to key concepts and major theoretical and methodological issues in SLA research. Examines major developments in SLA in the areas of phonology, morphology, lexis, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, and discourse and provides students with hands-on experience in describing and accounting for L2 data. An opportunity to design and implement a data-based study in an area of interest to students. Prerequisite: LING 300 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING341 - Introduction to Intercultural Communication  Introduces foundational knowledge and understanding of theory, practice, and research in intercultural communication, including the effects of cultural identities and cross-cultural experiences on language, perception, and worldview. Implications for language learning and teaching are also explored. Credit Hours: 3

LING353 - Theory and Methods of TESOL  Theory and methods to teach ESL/EFL. Promotes eclecticism through reflective practice; overview of methods from early grammar translation to cognitive and communicative, integrated skills, technology, and content-based approaches. Lecture, readings, discussion, demonstration, material review, lesson planning, micro-teaching. Credit Hours: 3

LING382 - Course Design for TESOL  Overview of issues and procedures in the design and implementation of courses for TESOL. Particular attention is given to recent developments such as content-based instruction. All major course components such as setting of objectives, syllabus design, content specification, and evaluation are considered. In addition, resources available for addressing these issues will be discussed. Prerequisite: LING 300 and LING 353, or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING400 - Introduction to Formal Semantics  (Same as PHIL 402) Introduction to the formal mechanisms used to encode meaning in natural language. Potential topics include: predication, definiteness, quantification, and semantic modeling. Credit Hours: 3

LING402 - Phonetics  This is a course in basic phonetics, including articulatory and acoustic phonetics. Students will learn to make the sounds used in languages of the world, provide articulatory descriptions of those sounds, recognize distinctions among sounds upon hearing them, and use spectrographic software to analyze the acoustic stream. Credit Hours: 3

LING403 - English Phonology  Study of English phonology, including phonetics, phonemics, and prosodics. Prerequisite: LING 300 or graduate status or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING404 - American Dialects  Regional variation and social stratification of American English. Phonological and syntactic differences among the major dialects of American English. Prerequisite: LING 300 or graduate status or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING405 - Introduction to Phonological Theories  Introduction to the major concepts and issues in phonological theory from a cross-linguistic perspective. Prerequisite: LING 300 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING406 - Introduction to Historical Linguistics  (Same as ANTH 406) An introductory survey of historical and comparative linguistics, including terminology, assumptions, and methods of investigation. Satisfies the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum requirement. Not open to graduate students in Linguistics. Prerequisites: LING 300, LING 405 (may be taken concurrently), or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

LING408 - Introduction to Syntactic Theory  Introduction to the major concepts and issues in generative syntax from a cross-linguistic perspective. Prerequisite: LING 300 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING412 - The Linguistic Structure of Japanese  (Same as JPN 410) Introduction to the linguistic structure of Japanese (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, etc.) with particular emphasis on morphology and syntax. This course satisfies the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum requirement. Credit Hours: 3
LING415 - Sociolinguistics (Same as ANTH 415) This course studies the relationship between language and society. The focus in an individual semester may include but is not limited to regional dialectology, language variation, linguistic geography, multilingualism, languages in contact, and/or language planning. Credit Hours: 3

LING416 - Spanish in the U.S.A. (Same as ANTH 416) This course offers a survey of the historical, social, political, linguistic, and educational issues surrounding the Spanish language in the United States. Topics to be addressed include Spanish language use and bilingualism, language maintenance and shift, education of Latino populations, Hispanic diversity, and Latino literature. Credit Hours: 3

LING417 - Language Contact (Same as ANTH 417) Introduction to the study of the social conditions under which language contact occurs and the cultural and linguistic consequences of such contact using data from a variety of languages and cultures. Potential topics include: language maintenance and shift, ideologies and attitudes regarding bilingualism, and language development and change. Credit Hours: 3

LING426 - Gender, Culture, and Language (Same as WGSS 426 and ANTH 426) This course is designed for students who have had some exposure to gender studies. It will focus on readings in language and gender in the fields of anthropological- and socio-linguistics. Issues to be addressed are the differences between language use by men/boys and women/girls, how these differences are embedded in other cultural practices, and the various methodologies and theories that have been used to study gendered language use. Credit Hours: 3

LING430 - Grammatical Structures Detailed analysis of the structure of particular languages or linguistic structures. May be repeated to a total of six credit hours with consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

LING431 - Teaching Writing and Grammar in a Second Language An introduction to current theories of ESL/EFL composition and pedagogical grammar, as well as principles and techniques for teaching composition and grammar in a second language. Course will combine understanding of theory with evaluation of published materials and original development of high quality teaching materials. Prerequisite: LING 407 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING440 - Topics in Linguistics Selected topics in theoretical and applied linguistics. May be repeated to a total of nine hours credit under different topics. Not for graduate credit. Credit Hours: 3

LING442 - Language Planning Survey of the field of language planning: definitions and typologies, language problems, language treatment, attitudes and beliefs about language, relations between language planning processes and other kinds of social and economic planning, linguistic innovations and other processes of language change, implementation of language policies. Prerequisite: LING 300 or graduate status or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING443 - Bilingualism (Same as PSYC 443) Examines the linguistic, psycholinguistic, sociolinguistic, and educational aspects of bilingualism, particularly as pertaining to the care and education of bilingual children. Useful for teachers, speech therapists, doctors, psychologists, counselors, and others working with bilinguals. Practical applications and data-based research. Prerequisite: LING 300 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING445 - Psycholinguistics (Same as PSYC 445) A broad spectrum introduction to psycholinguistics. Topics to be covered include general methodology for the study of psycholinguistics, the nature of language, theories of human communication, language comprehension and production, first and second language acquisition, meaning and thought, natural animal communication systems, and language and the brain. Prerequisite: LING 300 or graduate status or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING450 - Language Families A synchronic or diachronic survey of particular language, language family, sub-family, or macro-family. May be repeated for a total of six credit hours with consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

LING452 - Introduction to Linguistic Field Methods Introduction to the methods of eliciting and evaluating data to construct a detailed linguistic description of a language or dialect by working with a native speaker or speakers of the language/dialect. Additional discussion on preservation and wider linguist-community responsibility. Prerequisite: LING 300 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3
LING454 - Observation and Practice in TESOL  Focused observation of a wide variety of classes in English as a second language and in foreign languages. Some supervised teaching or tutoring. Analysis of textbooks for TESOL. Not for graduate credit. Prerequisite: LING 407 or consent of department. Credit Hours: 3

LING470 - Theoretical Foundations of Teaching ESL and Bilingual Students  Provides a broad overview of the field of bilingual education, including related terminology; historical, political, social, theoretical, international, economic, cultural, and legal aspects of bilingual education; and educational program models for serving English language students. Satisfies the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum Requirement. Credit Hours: 3

LING471 - Bilingual Education Methods and Materials  Methods and materials for: bilingual content, biliteracy, sheltered and multicultural instruction, and for ELLs with disabilities; techniques for advocacy for ELLs, writing funding proposals, and conducting program reviews and workshops. Includes materials reviews, lesson planning, and micro-teaching. Credit Hours: 3

LING472 - Assessment of ESL and Bilingual Students  This course covers theoretical and practical issues in the assessment, testing, measurement, and evaluation of second and foreign language learners. It covers the history and development of language testing practices; the relationship between assessment, instruction, and course design; principles of good assessment; the sociocultural context surrounding assessment; and traditional and alternative assessment that can be used for all language skills in diverse K-12 and adult learners. Students get hands-on practice critically evaluating assessments, creating their own assessments, and analyzing and interpreting assessment results. Credit Hours: 3

LING473 - Introduction to Computer Assisted Language Learning  This course offers an introduction to a variety of technologies that can be used to support and enhance second language learning. In addition to building students’ practical skills and comfort with a range of technologies, the course encourages critical thinking about if/when to use technologies in the classroom and how to best integrate them. Credit Hours: 3

LING480A - Less Commonly Taught Languages  Elementary course in less commonly taught languages. Languages vary. Section A corresponds to the first semester, section B of the same language is a continuation of section A. Must be taken in an A,B sequence when available. Sequence may be repeated with a different language. Students must earn a grade of C or better in LING 480A before beginning LING 480B. Credit Hours: 3

LING480B - Less Commonly Taught Languages  Elementary course in less commonly taught language. Languages vary. Section B is a continuation of section A. Must be taken in A, B sequence when available. Sequence may be repeated with a different language. Students must earn a grade of C or better in LING 480A before beginning LING 480B. Prerequisite: LING 480A. Credit Hours: 3

LING485 - Teaching Listening and Speaking in a Second Language  An introduction to current theories, principles, and techniques for teaching second language listening and speaking skills. Students will gain practical experience in developing meaningful listening and speaking activities/materials. Not open to those who have taken LING 585. Credit Hours: 3

LING487 - Teaching Reading and Vocabulary in a Second Language  An introduction to current theories of reading and vocabulary learning, as well as principles and techniques for teaching reading and vocabulary in a second language. Course will combine understanding of theory with evaluation of published materials and original development of high-quality teaching materials. Prerequisite: LING 407 or consent of instructor. Credit Hours: 3

LING490A - TESOL K-12 Internship  The TESOL K-12 internship provides students with the opportunity to work with students of diverse linguistic backgrounds in a classroom at a local school. Students will volunteer for a minimum of two hours per week (for one credit hour), up to eight hours per week (for three credit hours). Students wishing to fulfill the 100-clock-hours requirement for an ESL endorsement will need to register for three credit hours (volunteer at least eight hours per week). Students will complete weekly reports and monthly reflections, observe language educators, and design and teach language lessons. Prerequisite: LING 407 or LING 570 with a grade of C or better. Credit Hours: 1-3
LING490B - TESOL International Internship  The TESOL international internship provides students with the opportunity to work in an international English as a foreign language (EFL) classroom. Students will complete weekly reports and monthly reflections, observe language educators, and design and teach language lessons. Students will also be observed and receive feedback from the teaching staff at the international placement institution. Students will leave the course with practical knowledge regarding classroom organization, management, instructional strategies, international education, and language program organization. Prerequisite: LING 407 or LING 570 with a grade of C or better. Credit Hours: 1-3

LING497 - Readings in Linguistics  Directed readings in selected topics in linguistics. Not for graduate credit. Special approval needed from the instructor. Credit Hours: 1-8

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