

LINGUISTICS (BA IN LINGUISTICS)

Linguistics Program

Linguistics is the study of language both as a faculty of mind and as a social institution.

Linguistics majors learn about speech sounds, word formation, and sentence structure in the world's languages, along with models for representing linguistic knowledge in the mind and tools for discovering the structure of different languages. They also study language change, including the history of English, and language variation within communities, including its social and political bases.

A course must be completed from each of the groups listed below to fulfill the 38-credit requirement for the major. Each major is normally expected to select courses in accordance with the following plan:

Required Credit Hours: 38

Core Requirements

Courses are to be selected by the student in consultation with a faculty member.

Code	Title	Hours
Major Writing Requirement		
Select one of the following with a grade of C- or better:		4
LING 440	Linguistic Field Methods	
LING 441	Sociolinguistic Field Methods	
LING 442	Experimental Field Methods	
LING 443	Evolution of Language	
Required Courses		
LING 220	Study of Language	3
LING 221	Exploring Linguistics	1
LING 304	Syntax	3
LING 307	Phonetics and Phonology	3
LING 308	Sociocultural Linguistics	3
LING 310	Language Patterns: Types and Universals	3
Sociolinguistics Course		
Select one of the following: ¹		3
AFST 251	Soon Come: Caribbean Languages and Identities	
LING 360	Language Attitudes	
LING 385	Introduction to Pragmatics	
LING 406	Language and Society	
Experimental Linguistics Course		
Select one of the following: ¹		3
LING 358	First Language Acquisition	
LING 370	Experimental Psycholinguistics	
LING 380	Computational Methods in Language Science	
Subfield Depth Requirement		
Select one of the following: ¹		3
LING 400	Meaning and Understanding in Western Cultural Thought	
LING 404	Historical Linguistics	

LING 406	Language and Society
LING 415	Linguistic Anthropology
LING 420	Caribbean Linguistics
LING 424	Discourse Analysis
LING 425	Social & Linguistic Theories of Bilingual Speech
LING 440	Linguistic Field Methods
LING 441	Sociolinguistic Field Methods
LING 442	Experimental Field Methods
LING 443	Evolution of Language
LING 464	Topics in Linguistics
LING 474	Research Seminar in Linguistics
Elective Choices	
Select three of the following:	
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AFST 251	Soon Come: Caribbean Languages and Identities
CSCI 423	Finite Automata and Theory of Computation
LING 230	Topics in Linguistics
LING 250	African-American English
LING 260	Speech Sound Analysis
LING 280	English Language in United States Culture
LING 303	History of the English Language
LING 330	Topics in Linguistics
LING 358	First Language Acquisition
LING 360	Language Attitudes
LING 370	Experimental Psycholinguistics
LING 380	Computational Methods in Language Science
LING 385	Introduction to Pragmatics
LING 400	Meaning and Understanding in Western Cultural Thought
LING 404	Historical Linguistics
LING 406	Language and Society
LING 415	Linguistic Anthropology
LING 420	Caribbean Linguistics
LING 424	Discourse Analysis
LING 440	Linguistic Field Methods
LING 441	Sociolinguistic Field Methods
LING 442	Experimental Field Methods
LING 443	Evolution of Language
LING 464	Topics in Linguistics (may be repeated when topics vary)
LING 474	Research Seminar in Linguistics
LING 481	Independent Study in Linguistics
LING 491	Research in Linguistics
LING 495	Honors
LING 496	Honors
Students may count 3 credits of a Linguistics HISP course toward the elective requirement ²	
ARAB 304	Introduction to Arabic Dialects
FREN 304	French Phonetics and Diction
PHIL 335	Philosophy of Language
One semester of a non-Indo-European language	
Total Hours	
38	

¹ If taking more than one, other(s) may be counted as electives.

² (HISP 262 Spanish Phonetics and Phonology or other HISP courses focused on linguistic content).

The student may propose other courses, including study-abroad courses, to count towards the major. Such choices will be approved on a case-by-case basis, depending on the overall coherence of the student's proposed major program. Examples of such courses include but are not limited to the courses listed below.