**Linguistics 2010-11**

Faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Romance Studies,* who serve as advisors to Linguistics Majors and Minors:

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The Linguistics Major and Minor, in the Department of Romance Studies, enable students to study human language from a variety of perspectives and to consider the relation between linguistics and other disciplines.

The program introduces students to linguistic theory and analysis and offers a wide range of courses examining the biological, social, cultural, historical, and cognitive bases of language.

The major consists of 12 courses: 8 in linguistics and related disciplines (including 4 basic required courses and 4 electives) plus 4 intermediate or advanced language courses (including 2 different foreign languages).

**Requirements for the Linguistics Major**

1. Introduction to linguistics  
   - CAS LX 250 Foundations of Language  
     (offered every semester)

2. Two courses chosen from the following:
   - **Logic and the philosophy of language**
   - CAS LX 245 Language and Mind  
   - CAS PH 160 Reasoning and Argumentation  
   - CAS PH 360 Logic  
   - CAS PH 421 Frege, Moore, and Russell  
   - CAS PH 463 Philosophy of Language  
   - CAS PH 468 Topics in Knowledge, Language, and Logic

3. Three basic linguistics courses:
   - CAS LX 510 Phonetics  
   - CAS LX 502 Semantics  
   - CAS LX 522 Syntax I

4. One course in linguistic analysis of a specific language:  
   - offered in English  
   - CAS LX 501 Linguistic Field Methods  
   - CAS EN 513 Modern English Grammar  
   - CAS EN 515, 516 History of English I, II  
   - CAS EN 518 Ling. Problems in TESOL  
   - SED DE 672 ASL Structure

   *knowledge of the language a prerequisite

5. One additional elective chosen from group 2 or 4 or from other linguistics offerings (with the approval of a faculty adviser).

6. Four courses made up of any combination of language courses at or above the 3rd semester level and/or upper level courses taught in a foreign language, including any two different foreign languages. (One of the two languages may be American Sign Language, taught in SED.)

**Requirements for the Linguistics Minor**

The Minor consists of 6 courses chosen in consultation with an adviser, normally including CAS LX 250, 502, 510, and 522.

Note that a Linguistics Minor will satisfy the Humanities component of the CAS Divisional Studies requirement.

More information about the Linguistics program, including the new joint major in Linguistics and Philosophy, is available at: [http://ling.bu.edu](http://ling.bu.edu)

*The CAS Linguistics program and faculty are now located at 621 Commonwealth Avenue.*
“Everything that we have so far seen to be true of language points to the fact that it is the most significant and colossal work that the human spirit has evolved -- nothing short of a finished form of expression for all communicable experience. This form may be endlessly varied by the individual without thereby losing its distinctive contours; and it is constantly reshaping itself as is art.”

“Language is the most massive and inclusive art we know, a mountainous and anonymous work of unconscious generations.”

-- Edward Sapir, *Language* (1921)