

## Honors Program Requirements for joint degree programs combining Linguistics with French, Spanish, Italian, or Japanese

The Honors Program in French/Spanish/Italian/Japanese & Linguistics requires 15 courses in all, to be completed with an average GPA of at least 3.7. The honors program requires two additional advanced courses beyond what is required for the joint major: one in Linguistics (at or above the 400-level) plus one in French (500-level), Spanish (500-level), Italian (500-level), or Japanese (400-level). One or both of these additional courses may instead be an Honors independent study project undertaken under the direction of faculty in the relevant programs. Honors students will be encouraged to engage in research that deals with the linguistic properties of the language of their specialization, thereby providing an experience in their senior year that allows for a synthesis of the work they have done in the two disciplines. Detailed proposals for Honors independent study work must be submitted and approved no later than six months prior to the anticipated beginning of the project.

A student may apply to the honors program no sooner than the end of sophomore year and no later than the beginning of the spring semester of junior year. For admission into the program, students must have completed CAS LX 250 Introduction to Linguistics and at least one of the core linguistics courses:

- **CAS LX 301 Phonetics & Phonology: Introduction to Sound Systems**  
(previously offered as CAS LX 510)
- **CAS LX 321 Syntax: Introduction to Sentential Structure**  
(previously offered as CAS LX 522)
- **CAS LX 331 Semantics & Pragmatics: Introduction to Linguistic Meaning**  
(previously offered as CAS LX 502)

as well as two of the required courses for French (necessarily including **CAS LF 350**), Spanish (necessarily including **CAS LS 350**), Italian (necessarily including **CAS LI 350** or 351), or Japanese.

Qualifications for admission into the honors program include a GPA of at least 3.65 in all CAS courses—and a minimum GPA of 3.7 in those that satisfy the requirements for the joint major—that the student has taken at the time of application.

Meetings of Linguistics honors students (including honors students in all of the joint majors with Linguistics) will take place at least several times each semester. Activities may include colloquia (for which we would request funding from the College to bring in speakers) as well as presentations, question-and-answer sessions, and panel discussions with BU faculty. In addition, we will maintain an email list of honors students, and we will inform them of other Linguistics events (both at BU and in the Boston area) that may be of interest. Students who participate in the Honors program in French/Spanish/Italian/Japanese & Linguistics will also be included in the activities of the Honors programs in the relevant language.