

The Linguistics Honors Program

The honors program shares the following 9 course requirements with the current major in Linguistics:

Four core courses

- [CAS LX 250 Introduction to Linguistics](#)
- [CAS LX 301 Phonetics & Phonology: Introduction to Sound Systems](#)
(previously offered as CAS LX 510 Phonetics)
- [CAS LX 321 Syntax: Introduction to Sentential Structure](#)
(previously offered as CAS LX 522 Syntax I)
- [CAS LX 331 Semantics & Pragmatics: Introduction to Linguistic Meaning](#)
(previously offered as CAS LX 502 Semantics I)

Linguistic analysis of a specific language

[One course in the linguistic analysis of a specific language](#)

Foreign language requirement

Four foreign language courses at or above the 3rd semester level, including at least two different languages.

The standard honors track for Linguistics requires (in lieu of the 3 additional electives for the major):

Two additional Linguistics courses

chosen from [CAS LX 300- and 400- level courses](#)

Three courses above the level of CAS LX 400*, from:

[CAS LX 403](#) Phonological Analysis

[CAS LX 405](#) Prosody

[CAS LX 422](#) Intermediate Syntax: Modeling Syntactic Knowledge

[CAS LX 423](#) Advanced Syntax: Issues in Modern Syntactic Theory

[CAS LX 432](#) Intermediate Semantics: The Grammatical Construction of Meaning

[CAS LX 433](#) Intermediate Pragmatics: Meaning in Context

[CAS LX 453](#) Acquisition of Phonology

[CAS LX 454](#) Acquisition of Syntax

Other courses at a comparable level chosen in consultation with the student's advisor

***Honors thesis option:** Students may substitute two semesters of honors research ([CAS LX 401 and 402](#)), culminating in an honors thesis, for two of the three 400-level LX courses. In this case, a proposal for the honors thesis must be submitted and approved by no later than February 15 of the junior year. The proposal form along with further information is available from the Linguistics Program office. Both semesters of honors research must be completed with a grade of B+ or higher.

Thus honors students will take a total of 14 courses (rather than the 12 required for the major), including at least three 400-level courses (from among those listed above).

Procedure for Application to the Linguistics Honors program

A student would normally 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 entrance into the program as of the first or second semester of the junior year, respectively). Thus, students will normally participate in the Honors Program during their final 3 or 4 semesters prior to graduation.

Time frame for submission of applications

The deadlines for application are indicated below, and they have been modified for the launch of the program. (Notification of acceptance will be sent within 1-6 weeks of application.)

<i>Time window for submission of application</i>	<i>Admission to Honors Program as of...</i>	<i>Expected Graduation Date</i>
4/25/2016 - 9/10/2016	September 2016	<i>between January 2018 and September 2018 (inclusive)</i>
12/1/2016 - 1/20/2017	January 2017	<i>between May 2018 and January 2019 (inclusive)</i>
4/25/2017 - 9/10/2017	September 2017	<i>between January 2019 and September 2019 (inclusive)</i>
12/1/2018 - 1/20/2018	January 2018	<i>between May 2019 and January 2020 (inclusive)</i>
4/25/2018 - 9/10/2018	September 2018	<i>between January 2020 and September 2020</i>

Qualifications for admission

For admission into the program, students must have

- 1) completed at least three of the four core courses
 - CAS LX 250 Introduction to Linguistics
 - CAS LX 301 Phonetics & Phonology
 - CAS LX 321 Syntax
 - CAS LX 331 Semantics & Pragmatics
- 2) earned, for courses that have been taken as of the time of application:
 - a GPA of at least 3.65 in all CAS courses
 - a GPA of at least 3.7 in all courses satisfying requirements for the major

Application Form: to be submitted to Linguistics Honors Program, Room 120, 621 Commonwealth Ave.

Applications may be submitted any time before the deadlines indicated above. Please include appropriate contact information on the application form. Students who are interested in the Honors program are encouraged to discuss their interest with their faculty advisor and/or Prof. Neidle (who will be able to go over the specific requirements and how they can be fulfilled) before submitting a formal application.

Successful completion

Students participating in the program who complete the 14 required courses with a GPA of 3.7 or above will graduate "with Honors in Linguistics."

Note that honors programs are also available in conjunction with the joint majors that offer ways to combine linguistics with Philosophy or with French, Italian, Japanese, or Spanish. Further details are available from the...

Linguistics Website <http://ling.bu.edu>

Application for Honors Program in Linguistics

Name:	
UID:	
Date:	
Intended graduation date:	

For each of the requirements below, please indicate the course satisfying the requirement, in the appropriate column, followed by the grade (for completed courses)

Core Courses (3 of 4 needed at time of application)	Course completed	Grade	Course in progress	Course to be taken
CAS LX 250 Intro to Linguistics				
CAS LX 301 Phonetics & Phonology ¹				
CAS LX 321 Syntax ²				
CAS LX 331 Semantics & Pragmatics ³				
Ling. Analysis of a Specific Language				
Four foreign language courses at or above the 3rd semesters level, including at least 2 different langs.				
Two additional courses chosen from LX courses ≥ LX 300				
Three CAS LX 400-level courses				

To be completed by the department:
 GPA in major to date (req: min.3.7)
 GPA in CAS to date (req: min. 3.65)

Optional question: On the back of this page, please describe briefly your interests within linguistics. We would also welcome suggestions for co-curricular activities that you would like to see offered for the group of Honors students.

Contact information: Email address: _____ Phone: _____

¹ Formerly CAS LX 510. ² Formerly CAS LX 522. ³ Formerly CAS LX 502