LINGUISTICS DEGREES OFFERED

Linguistics major* and minor
Joint majors:
- French & Linguistics*
- Italian & Linguistics*
- Japanese & Linguistics*
- Linguistics & Computer Science*
- Linguistics & Philosophy*
- Linguistics & Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences*
- Spanish & Linguistics*

*Honors programs are available.

BA/MA in Linguistics
MA in Linguistics
PhD in Linguistics

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The Linguistics Major and Minor 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 Introduction to Linguistics (offered every semester)

2. Three basic linguistics courses
   [with prerequisite of CAS LX 250]
   CAS LX 301 (or S10) Phonetics & Phonology: Introduction to Sound Systems
   CAS LX 321 (or S22) Syntax: Introduction to Sentential Structure
   CAS LX 331 (or S02) Semantics & Pragmatics: Introduction to Linguistic Meaning

3. Two additional linguistics courses, including at most one below the 250 level, from the following:
   CAS LX 110 SAY WHAT? [cannot be taken with or after LX 250]
   CAS LX 120 Language & Music
   CAS LX 205 (or CL 205) Origins of Writing
   CAS LX 235 Language & the Law
   CAS LX 311 (or S21) Morphology
   CAS LX 317 (or S17) Having & Being across Languages
   CAS LX 327 (or S18) Focus
   CAS LX 328 (or S19) Questions
   CAS LX 341 (or AN S21) Sociolinguistics
   CAS LX 342 (or S20) Language, Race & Gender
   CAS LX 345 (or S15) Languages in Contact
   CAS LX 346 Language Variation & Change
   CAS LX 349 (or S45) Bilingualism
   CAS LX 350 Crosslinguistic Approaches to Acquisition
   CAS LX 355 (or S42) Second Language Acquisition
   CAS LX 359 (or S46) Interrupted Acquisition & Attrition
   CAS LX 360 (or S35) Historical & Comparative Linguistics
   CAS LX 390* Topics in Linguistics
   CAS LX 394 Intro to Programming for Comp. Lx.
   CAS LX 403 (or S13) Phonological Analysis
   CAS LX 405 (or S25) Prosody
   CAS LX 422 Intermediate Syntax
   CAS LX 432 (or S03) Intermediate Semantics
   CAS LX 433 (or S04) Intermediate Pragmatics
   CAS LX 453 (or S41) Acquisition of Phonology
   CAS LX 454 (or S40) Acquisition of Syntax
   CAS LX 490* Intermediate Topics in Linguistics
   CAS LX 496 Computational Linguistics

*Topics vary by semester; may be taken more than once for credit (with different topics).

4. One course on linguistic analysis of a specific language
   
   Offered in English
   CAS EN 515, 516 History of English I, II
   CAS EN 518 Linguistic Problems in TESOL
   CAS LX 364 (or 406) Linguistics of English
   CAS LX 365 (or 530) Variation in Dialects of English
   CAS LX 368 (or 505) Structure of African Languages
   CAS LX 369 (or 533) Structure of Creole Languages
   CAS LX 370 (or 531) Romance Linguistics
   CAS LX 391 (or 501) Linguistic Field Methods
   
   Knowledge of the language a prerequisite
   CAS LX 372 (or LF 500) French Phonetics
   CAS LX 373 (or LF 503) French Phonology
   CAS LX 374 (or LF 502) French Syntax
   CAS LX 376 (or LF/LX 506) Topics in French Lx
   CAS LS 504 History of the Spanish Language
   CAS LG 315 Introduction to German Linguistics
   CAS LI 410 History of Japanese
   CAS LI 510 Structure of Japanese
   SED DE 672 Structure of ASL

5. One additional course from those listed in (3) and (4) above, or below (or another related course, with advisor’s approval)

   Language and the philosophy of language
   CAS PH 160 Reasoning & Argumentation
   CAS PH 261 Puzzles & Paradoxes
   CAS PH 360 Symbolic Logic
   CAS PH 421 Frege, Moore & Russell
   CAS PH 463 Philosophy of Language
   CAS PH 468 Topics in Knowledge, Lang & Logic

   Language, culture, and society
   CAS AN 351 Language, Culture & Society
   CAS AN 524 Language & Culture Contacts in Africa
   CAS AN 532 Literacy & Islam in Africa
   CAS AR 208 Lost Languages & Decipherments

   Language acquisition
   CAS NE/PS 544 Developmental Neuropsychology
   SAR SH 505 Intro to Phonological Disorders
   SAR SH 523 Introduction to Speech Science
   SAR SH 524 Language Acquisition
   SAR SH 531 Intro to Communication Disorders

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 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, including:
   CAS LX 250, 301, 321, and 331 (see column 1)

Note that a Linguistics Minor will satisfy the Humanities component of the CAS Divisional Studies requirement, or enable fulfillment of up to 12 Hub units.