LINGUISTICS DEGREES OFFERED

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

*Honors programs are available.

BA/MA in Linguistics
MA in Linguistics
PhD in Linguistics [NEW]

MA in Applied Linguistics*
PhD in Applied Linguistics*

*Not currently accepting new students

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**Linguistics 2017-18**

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).

Courses that a student takes toward the major or minor cannot also be used for Divisional Studies credit outside of the Humanities.

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

   **For more information about Linguistics, including joint majors and honors programs for Linguistics and associated joint majors, as well as a new BA/MA program in Linguistics, see:**  [http://ling.bu.edu](http://ling.bu.edu)

3. **Two additional linguistics courses**, including at most one at the 100 or 200 level, from the following:
   
   CAS LX 110  SAY WHAT? Accents, Dialects & Society
   
   CAS LX 205 (or CL 205)  Origins of Writing
   
   CAS LX 311 (or 521)  Morphology
   
   CAS LX 317 (or 517)  Having & Being across Languages
   
   CAS LX 327 (or 518)  Focus
   
   CAS LX 328 (or 519)  Questions
   
   CAS LX 341 (or AN 521)  Sociolinguistics
   
   CAS LX 342 (or 320)  Language, Race & Gender
   
   CAS LX 345 (or 515)  Languages in Contact
   
   CAS LX 349 (or 545)  Bilingualism
   
   CAS LX 350  Crosslinguistic Approaches to Acquisition
   
   CAS LX 355 (or 542)  Second Language Acquisition
   
   CAS LX 359 (or 546)  Interrupted Acquisition & Attrition
   
   CAS LX 360 (or 535)  Historical & Comparative Linguistics
   
   CAS LX 390*  Topics in Linguistics
   
   CAS LX 403 (or 513)  Phonological Analysis
   
   CAS LX 405 (or 525)  Prosody
   
   CAS LX 422  Intermediate Syntax
   
   CAS LX 432 (or 503)  Intermediate Semantics
   
   CAS LX 433 (or 504)  Intermediate Pragmatics
   
   CAS LX 453 (or 541)  Acquisition of Phonology
   
   CAS LX 454 (or 540)  Acquisition of Syntax
   
   CAS LX 490*  Intermediate Topics in 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 502)  French Phonology
   
   CAS LX 374 (or LF 503)  French Syntax
   
   CAS LX 376 (or LF/LX 506)  Topics in French LX
   
   CAS LF 504  History of the French Language
   
   CAS LX 381 (or LS/LX 420)  Spanish in the US
   
   CAS LX 383 (or LS/LX 507)  Sounds of Spanish
   
   CAS LX 384 (or LS/LX 508)  Structure of Spanish
   
   CAS LX 386 (or LS 505)  Topics in Spanish Linguistics

   **CAS LS 504  History of the Spanish Language**
   
   **CAS LG 315  Introduction to German Linguistics**
   
   **CAS LJ 410  History of Japanese**
   
   **CAS LJ 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)

   **Logic 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  Introduction to Phonological Disorders
   
   SAR SH 523  Introduction to Speech Science
   
   SAR SH 524  Language Acquisition
   
   SAR SH 531  Introduction 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.