

Linguistics

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Linguistics is the general study of language. It addresses features that all languages have in common, the ways in which languages may differ from one another, and the ways in which languages change over time. The undergraduate major in Linguistics introduces students to sounds and their patterns (phonetics and phonology), word structure (morphology), sentence structure (syntax), meaning (semantics), how languages evolve over time (comparative and historical linguistics), the relation of language and cognition (e.g. psycholinguistics), and how language is used in society (sociolinguistics).

Declaring the Major

To declare the Linguistics major, students must first complete Linguistics 100 with a grade of "C" or better and then submit the Petition to Declare a Major (https://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/major_declaration_petition.pdf). Most students who petition for the Linguistics major do so in their junior year.

Honors Program

With the approval of the major advisor, a student with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher, both overall and in the major, may apply for admission to the honors program. This consists of 2-4 units of LINGUIS H195A and LINGUIS H195B units per semester for at least two semesters. Under the direction of a faculty member, students carry out an approved program of independent study in which they attain a reasonable mastery of an appropriate linguistic topic. As evidence of this work, students must submit an acceptable thesis summarizing critically the material they have covered and are invited to give a brief synopsis of their research at the undergraduate honors colloquium held in early May each year.

Minor Program

Many students not majoring in Linguistics find it useful to take several courses in linguistics during their undergraduate careers to complement their major work. A minor in Linguistics gives students official recognition for having completed a Linguistics sub-specialization.

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for letter graded credit.
2. Linguistics 100 must be completed with a grade of "C" or better to declare.
3. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs, with the exception of minors offered outside of the College of Letters & Science.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper and lower division courses used to fulfill the major requirements.

Effective Fall 2022, the new major requirements consist of the following four components:

- 1) **1 Lower Division linguistics course:** Ling 3, Ling 5, Ling 55AC, or any other lower division linguistics course
 - Ling 55AC will be offered regularly and is the recommended course for students who have already taken Ling 100
 - Course must be **3 or more units**; freshman seminars cannot be used as this course
 - Transfer students may seek transfer credit for linguistics courses taken at other institutions equivalent to lower division courses
- 2) **Prerequisite:** Linguistics 100 or Linguistics W100 (the online summer course offered by UCB summer sessions)
 - Students must earn a C or better in Linguistics 100 to declare the major
- 3) **Upper Division Course Bins:** 4 courses from 4 different upper division course bins (of the five bins below)
 - Bin 1. Language and Mind: 105 (Cognitive Linguistics), 108 (Psycholinguistics), 109 (Bilingualism), C142 (Language and Thought)
 - Bin 2. Sociolinguistics and Historical Linguistics: 130 (Comparative and Historical Linguistics), 150 (Sociolinguistics) or 150A (Concepts, Theories and Methodologies of Sociolinguistics)
 - Bin 3. Phonetics and Phonology: 110 (Phonetics), 111 (Phonology)
 - Bin 4. Morphosyntax: 115 (Morphology), 120 (Syntax)
 - Bin 5: Meaning: 106 (Metaphor), 121 (Formal Semantics), 123 (Pragmatics)
- 4) **Upper Division Electives:** 10-13 units of upper division electives
 - At most 5 units of electives can be taken outside of the linguistics department

Additional rules:

- Upper division courses (Ling 100, 4 binned courses, upper division electives) must total at least 30 units.
- Binned courses and Linguistics 100 must be taken at UC Berkeley

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

Requirements

Lower Division Course

Take 1 lower division linguistics course: Ling 3, Ling 5, Ling 55AC, or any other lower division linguistics course

LINGUIS 3	Linguistic Diversity	3
LINGUIS 5	Language and Linguistics	4
LINGUIS 55AC	The American Languages	3

Prerequisite to Declare

LINGUIS 100	Introduction to Linguistic Science	4
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Upper Division Course Bins and Electives

Bin 1: Language and Mind

LINGUIS C105	Cognitive Linguistics	4
LINGUIS C142	Language and Thought	3
LINGUIS 108	Psycholinguistics	3
LINGUIS 109	Bilingualism	3

Bin 2: Sociolinguistics and Historical Linguistics

LINGUIS 130	Comparative and Historical Linguistics	4
LINGUIS 150	Sociolinguistics	3
or LINGUIS 150	Concepts, Theories, and Methodologies of Sociolinguistics	

Bin 3: Phonetics and Phonology

LINGUIS 110	Phonetics	4
LINGUIS 111	Phonology	4

Bin 4: Morphosyntax

LINGUIS 115	Morphology	4
LINGUIS 120	Syntax	4

Bin 5: Meaning

LINGUIS 106	Metaphor	4
LINGUIS 121	Formal Semantics	4
LINGUIS 123	Pragmatics	3

Electives

Select three to four upper division courses, minimum of 10-13 units ¹ 10
(Extra Binned courses can be used as Electives)

Five units must be selected from Linguistics department offerings ¹

The other five units may be selected from outside of the department, the following pre-approved Linguistics-related course list:

AFRICAM 114	Introduction to African Linguistics	3
AFRICAM 115	Language and Social Issues in Africa	3
AFRICAM 242	Special Topics in African Linguistics	4
ANTHRO 166	Language, Culture, and Society	4
ANTHRO 169C	Research Theory and Methods in Linguistic Anthropology	4
CELTIC 102A	Elementary Breton	4
CELTIC 105A	Old and Middle Irish	4
CELTIC 161	Celtic Linguistics	4
CHINESE 161	Structure of the Chinese Language	4
CHINESE 165	History of the Chinese Language	4
CUNEIF 100A	Elementary Akkadian	4
CUNEIF 100B	Elementary Akkadian	4
CUNEIF 101A	Selected Readings in Akkadian	4
CUNEIF 101B	Selected Readings in Akkadian	4
CUNEIF 102B	Elementary Sumerian	4
CUNEIF 103A	Selected Readings in Sumerian	3
CUNEIF 103B	Selected Readings in Sumerian	3
CUNEIF 106A	Elementary Hittite	4
CUNEIF 106B	Elementary Hittite	4
DUTCH 107	The Structure of Modern Dutch	3
EDUC 132	Language Learning in Chicano/Latinx Communities	4
EDUC 154	Language in/and the World	3

EGYPT 100A	Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs	4
EGYPT 100B	Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs	4
EGYPT 101A	Intermediate Egyptian	3
EGYPT 101B	Intermediate Egyptian	3
ENGLISH 101	The History of the English Language	4
ENGLISH 102	Topics in the English Language	4
ENGLISH 179	Literature and Linguistics	4
FRENCH 145	History of the French Language	4
FRENCH 146A	Introduction to French Linguistics	4
FRENCH 147	Special Topics in French Linguistics	4
FRENCH 148	Translation Methodology and Practice	4
FRENCH 173	Linguistics and Literature	4
GERMAN 103	Introduction to German Linguistics	4
GERMAN 105	Middle High German for Undergraduates	4
GERMAN 170	History of the German Language	3
GERMAN 173	The Phonetics and Phonology of Modern German	4
GERMAN 174	The Morphology and Syntax of Modern German	3
HEBREW 105A	The Structure of Modern Hebrew	3
HEBREW 105B	The Structure of Modern Hebrew	3
HEBREW 106B	Elementary Biblical Hebrew	3
INFO 159	Natural Language Processing	4
ISF 100C	Language and Identity	4
JAPAN 120	Introduction to Classical Japanese	4
JAPAN 160	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics: Grammar	4
JAPAN 161	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics: Usage	4
L & S 180B	Course Not Available	4
MELC 156	Sociolinguistics of the Middle East	4
PHILOS 133	Philosophy of Language	4
PHILOS 134	Form and Meaning	4
PHILOS 135	Theory of Meaning	4
PSYCH C143	Language Acquisition	3
SANSKR 100A	Elementary Sanskrit	5
SANSKR 100B	Elementary Sanskrit	5
SCANDIN 101A	Introduction to Old Norse I	4
SCANDIN 180	Special Topics in Scandinavian	4
SCANDIN 201A	Old Norse	4
SEMITIC 100B	Aramaic	3
SLAVIC C137	Introduction to Slavic Linguistics	4
SPANISH 100	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	4
SPANISH 101	Spanish Pronunciation and Accents in Native and Non-Native Speakers	4
SPANISH 161	Spanish Phonetics and Phonology	4
SPANISH 162	Spanish Morphology and Syntax	4
SPANISH 163	Sociolinguistic and Psycholinguistic Approaches to Spanish Bilingualism	4
SPANISH 164	Spanish Dialectology and Sociolinguistic Variation	4
SPANISH 165	Spanish in the U.S. and in Contact with Other Languages	4
SPANISH 166	Foreign Language Acquisition and Pedagogy for Spanish Language Instruction	4
SPANISH 179	Topics in Hispanic Linguistics	4
UGIS 120	Introduction to Applied Language Studies	3

- ¹ Courses not on the preapproved list require the prior written consent of an undergraduate adviser to be counted in fulfillment of the major requirements.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared before the first day of classes in your Expected Graduation Term (EGT). For summer graduates, minors must be declared prior to the first day of Summer Session A.
2. All upper-division courses must be taken for a letter grade.
3. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required in the upper-division courses to fulfill the minor requirements.
5. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
6. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
7. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which the student plans to graduate. If students cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, they should see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
8. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

The Minor consists of **6 courses**:

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 - Transfer students may seek transfer credit for linguistics courses taken at other institutions equivalent to lower division courses
- 2) Prerequisite:** Linguistics 100 or Linguistics W100 (the online summer course offered by UCB summer sessions)
 - Students must earn a C or better in Linguistics 100 to declare the major
- 3) Upper Division Course Bins:** 2 courses from 5 different upper division course bins (of the five bins below)

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Upper Division Electives: 2 courses (at least 1 course must be in Linguistics)

Lower Division Requirements

Prerequisite

LINGUIS 100	Introduction to Linguistic Science	4
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Lower Division Requirement: 1 course

LINGUIS 3	Linguistic Diversity	3
LINGUIS 5	Language and Linguistics	4
LINGUIS 55AC	The American Languages	3

Upper Division Course Bins and Electives

Bin 1: Language and Mind

LINGUIS C105	Cognitive Linguistics	4
LINGUIS C142	Language and Thought	3
LINGUIS 108	Psycholinguistics	3
LINGUIS 109	Bilingualism	3

Bin 2: Sociolinguistics and Historical Linguistics

LINGUIS 130	Comparative and Historical Linguistics	4
LINGUIS 150	Sociolinguistics	3
	or LINGUIS 150 (Concepts, Theories, and Methodologies of Sociolinguistics)	

Bin 3: Phonetics and Phonology

LINGUIS 110	Phonetics	4
LINGUIS 111	Phonology	4

Bin 4: Morphosyntax

LINGUIS 115	Morphology	4
LINGUIS 120	Syntax	4

Bin 5: Meaning

LINGUIS 106	Metaphor	4
LINGUIS 121	Formal Semantics	4
LINGUIS 123	Pragmatics	3

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Undergraduate students must fulfill the following requirements in addition to those required by their major program.

For a detailed lists of L&S requirements, please see Overview tab to the right in this guide or visit the L&S Degree Requirements (<https://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/degree-requirements/>) webpage. For College advising appointments, please visit the L&S Advising (<https://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/home/>) Pages.

University of California Requirements

Entry Level Writing

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing requirement. Fulfillment of this requirement is also a prerequisite to enrollment in all reading and composition courses at UC Berkeley and must be taken for a letter grade.

American History and American Institutions

The American History and American Institutions requirements are based on the principle that all U.S. residents who have graduated from an American university should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

Berkeley Campus Requirement

American Cultures

All undergraduate students at Cal need to take and pass this campus requirement course in order to graduate. The requirement offers an exciting intellectual environment centered on the study of race, ethnicity and culture of the United States. AC courses are plentiful and offer students opportunities to be part of research-led, highly accomplished teaching environments, grappling with the complexity of American Culture.

College of Letters & Science Essential Skills Requirements

Quantitative Reasoning

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with basic understanding and competency in math, statistics, or computer/data science. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course taken for a letter grade.

Foreign Language

The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work taken for a letter grade.

Reading and Composition

In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing, and critical thinking the College of Letters and Science requires two semesters of lower division work in composition in sequence. Students must complete parts A & B reading and composition courses in sequential order by the end of their fourth semester for a letter grade.

College of Letters & Science 7 Course Breadth Requirements

Breadth Requirements

The undergraduate breadth requirements provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program. As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

Unit Requirements

- 120 total units
- Of the 120 units, 36 must be upper division units
- Of the 36 upper division units, 6 must be taken in courses offered outside your major department

Residence Requirements

For units to be considered in "residence," you must be registered in courses on the Berkeley campus as a student in the College of Letters & Science. Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes at Cal for four years, or two years for transfer students. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you graduate early, go abroad for a semester or year, or want to take courses at another institution or through UC Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to meet an L&S College adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Note: Courses taken through UC Extension do not count toward residence.

Senior Residence Requirement

After you become a senior (with 90 semester units earned toward your B.A. degree), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence in at least two semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units. Inter-campus Visitor, EAP, and UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) units are excluded.

You may use a Berkeley Summer Session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence requirement, provided that you successfully complete 6 units of course work in the Summer Session and that you have been enrolled previously in the college.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP), Berkeley Summer Abroad, or the UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC) may meet a Modified Senior Residence requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.

Upper Division Residence Requirement

You must complete in residence a minimum of 18 units of upper division courses (excluding UCEAP units), 12 of which must satisfy the requirements for your major.

Learning Goals of the Major

In addition to attaining a basic mastery of the field of linguistics, linguistics majors develop skills in critical thinking, communication, and the use of research methodologies. The array of courses offered by the department includes both the required core courses in phonetics and phonology, syntax and semantics, morphology and historical linguistics, and a broad range of electives. The core courses allow linguistics majors to master the basics of the discipline, such as the nature of sounds and sound systems, the nature of word structures and syntactic structures, the interaction of syntax and semantics, and the nature of linguistic change, while the elective courses allow students to investigate areas of particular interest. Students learn to apply problem-solving skills in each of these areas. Perhaps more importantly, a linguistics major develops critical thinking skills. By graduation, linguistics majors can employ both theory and empirical evidence in order to evaluate different linguistic arguments, analyze complex linguistic patterns, and understand the role played by assumptions in argumentation. Furthermore, linguistics majors develop advanced verbal skills: they are able to communicate effectively in oral and written form about specific linguistic issues, and they can produce well-organized oral presentations and original written reports supported by empirical evidence. These skills do not disappear at graduation. No matter what profession a linguistics major decides to pursue, throughout a lifetime s/he will possess a working knowledge of sources of reliable information about languages and linguistics and will be able to understand and evaluate current linguistic issues in the world at large. Below is a list of more specific skills.

Skills

Critical Thinking Skills

- Apply linguistic analysis to evaluate specific theoretical proposals.
- Compare two or more arguments that have different conclusions to a specific issue or problem.
- Understand the role of assumptions in argumentation.
- Be able to analyze complex linguistic patterns.

Research Methodologies

Obtain and collect relevant data using specific qualitative and/or quantitative research methods. These goals are broken down further, and the classes in which they are reinforced are listed, below:

- Laboratory and experimental methods are introduced in Linguistics 110 and reinforced in several electives, including Linguistics 105, 113, 122 and 140.
- Quantitative analysis of linguistic data is introduced in Linguistics 100 and reinforced in Linguistics 106, 110, 113, 120, 122, 124, 139, 150, 151, and 181. Linguistics 160 is dedicated specifically to this learning goal.
- Fieldwork and linguistic data elicitation are introduced in Linguistics 110 and 115 and reinforced in electives Linguistics 113, 122, 170 and 181; Linguistics 140 is dedicated specifically to this learning goal.

Mastery of Linguistic Knowledge

Apply problem-solving skills to complex problems in a variety of subareas of linguistics.

- Acquire knowledge of traditional linguistic analysis in the core areas of linguistics.
- Acquire knowledge of language in its various contexts and interfaces.

Mastery of Communication Skills

Communicate knowledge effectively.

- Communicate effectively in oral form about specific linguistics issues.
- Communicate effectively in written form about specific linguistic issues.
- Produce a well-organized oral presentation supported by evidence.
- Produce an original written assignment (term paper or shorter squib) supported by evidence.

Lifetime Learning Skills

Acquire knowledge and analytical abilities that can transfer from the classroom to broader life during and after the university career.

- Possess a working knowledge of sources of reliable information about languages and linguistics.
- Understand and evaluate current linguistic issues in the world at large (social, political, educational, prescriptive).

Major maps are experience maps that help undergraduates plan their Berkeley journey based on intended major or field of interest. Featuring student opportunities and resources from your college and department as well as across campus, each map includes curated suggestions for planning your studies, engaging outside the classroom, and pursuing your career goals in a timeline format.

Use the major map below to explore potential paths and design your own unique undergraduate experience:

View the Linguistics Major Map. (<https://discovery.berkeley.edu/getting-started/major-maps/linguistics/>)

Linguistics Research Apprenticeship Practicum (LRAP)

The Linguistics Research Apprenticeship Practicum (LRAP) (<http://lx.berkeley.edu/ugrad/lrap/>) matches Linguistics graduate mentors with undergraduate research apprentices to work closely on a research project headed by the mentor. LRAP provides graduate students with research advising and mentoring experience and gives undergraduates the opportunity to participate in original linguistic research.

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LINGUIS 1A American Sign Language I 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Introduction of the fundamentals of American Sign Language: comprehension skills, grammatical structures, practice in the production aspects of the language, and exposure to Deaf culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Not open to native signers

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 10 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 1B American Sign Language II 5 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Continuation of the study of the fundamentals of American Sign Language: comprehension skills, grammatical structures, practice in the production aspects of the language, and exposure to Deaf culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 1A; not open to native signers

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS R1B Topics in Linguistic Science 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

This course is designed to hone students' reading, writing, and research skills, through investigations in the study of language. Specific linguistic topics investigated may vary by semester. The course satisfies the second half of the reading and composition requirement.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Previously passed an R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Previously passed an articulated R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Score a 4 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition. Score a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition. Score of 5, 6, or 7 on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Final exam not required.

LINGUIS 2A American Sign Language 3 5 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2014, Fall 2008, Fall 2007

Continuation of the study of the fundamentals of American Sign Language; comprehension skills, grammatical structures, practice in the production aspects (expressive and receptive) aspects of the language, and increased exposure to Deaf Culture.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 1B. Not open to native signers

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Hicks

LINGUIS R2B Language and Linguistics in Science Fiction 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session

If representatives from an alien species appeared on earth from outer space, how would we communicate with them? What if they were not organic creatures, but were instead machines? What would an alien species sound like? What kinds of changes will happen to languages over the next several centuries? The genre of science fiction raises many such linguistic questions, but the science of linguistics has rarely been applied to science fiction texts. But key science fiction tropes like aliens, robots, and time travel richly reward linguistic investigation. In this class, we will apply current linguistic theory to various works of science fiction, asking first and foremost: How linguistically plausible are the scenarios, tropes, and narratives depicted?

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: The main purpose of this class, from the university's perspective, is for you to get better at rereading and rewriting, with the overall goal being to get better at research writing. The ostensible subject of the class – linguistics in science fiction – is in many ways not important to the university's purposes, and is part of the class only to provide a topic about which to reread, rewrite, and research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Previously passed an R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Previously passed an articulated R_A course with a letter grade of C- or better. Score a 4 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Literature and Composition. Score a 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition. Score of 5, 6, or 7 on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English

Requirements this course satisfies: Satisfies the second half of the Reading and Composition requirement

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Final exam not required.

Instructor: Heath

LINGUIS 3 Linguistic Diversity 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2013

Students will explore the common structures and enormous variability observed in human languages. We will introduce elements of basic linguistic description at the level of phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics, and use them to compare, contrast, and classify the languages of the world. Students enrolled in the course will benefit from critically examining preconceptions about language in its many forms.

Objectives & Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes: Gain introductory familiarity with Phonetics and phonology (sounds and sound systems), Morphology (word structure), and Historical linguistics (language change) to gain a foundation for the mastery of linguistic knowledge. Possess a working knowledge of sources of reliable information about languages and linguistics (typological databases), understand and evaluate current linguistic issues in the world at large (language diversity and endangerment, language politics) to acquire Lifetime Learning Skills. Understand Sociolinguistics (language variation within and across speech communities, social relations and language shift), Language and the natural sciences (animal communication, evolution of language) to know how language interfaces with other fields.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 5 Language and Linguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

A general survey of the field of linguistics. Students are introduced to a wide range of data from diverse languages to basic principles of linguistic analysis.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 9 Introduction to Bilingual Individuals and Societies 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course introduces foundational knowledge of language and linguistics to explore global and local perspectives on bi-/multilingualism. Bilingualism is examined at the level of the individual through phenomena like language acquisition, language and cognition, the construction of social identity. Topics relevant to multilingual communities and societies will also be discussed including language ideologies, language maintenance and shift, issues in language policy and planning

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 10 The Sounds of English 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2022, Fall 2019

In this course, students will learn the fundamentals of speech production and perception with special emphasis on the sounds of English. Students who take this course will learn the basics of vocal tract anatomy and speech production. Using English as a case study, they will gain a deeper knowledge of a language they already speak. They will also gain tools to study other languages inventories and phonological processes. The course focuses on practical skills, such as ear and production training. Students will have practice in distinguishing and producing sounds of various dialects of English. This course also lays a foundation for further study in phonetics and phonology.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 11 Writing Systems 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2010

Examines different writing systems in terms of their historical origin and their cognitive properties. Enrollment limited to 15 students.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 16 The English Vocabulary 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2014, Fall 2012

The sources and the resources of the English lexicon. The structures, meanings, formational principles, and pronunciation of complex words in English. Native and borrowed word-formational processes. The development of technical terminologies. Etymology and semantic change.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 20A Nahuatl Beginning I 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020

Introduction to the study of the fundamentals of Nahuatl; comprehension skills, grammatical structures, speaking practice; and exposure to Nahua culture, history and modern life.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: A)

Improve comprehension and speaking skills and learn vocabulary related to introductions, likes, dislikes, time, daily routines, and the process and symbolism of sowing maize.

B)

Learn present, past, and future verb tenses; the propositive in the past and future tense; reverential and diminutive modes.

C)

Learn basics of Nahua culture and history

Student Learning Outcomes:

A)

Develop beginner level language comprehension -speaking, reading, writing and listening- knowledge of the language structure, as well as cultural competence and sensibility, in order to facilitate students' ability to communicate effectively, correctly, creatively and respectfully in and outside Nahua communities.

B) Learn about the historical and social cultural aspects of Nahuas of today.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructors: de la Cruz, Shaiken, Johnson

LINGUIS 20B Nahuatl Intermediate I 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020

Continuation of the study of the fundamentals of Nahuatl; comprehension skills, grammatical structures, speaking practice; and continued exposure to Nahua culture, history and modern life.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: A)

Improve comprehension and speaking skills and learn vocabulary related to common illnesses, emotions, games, daily life, ceremonies, and Nahua religion.

B)

Deepen understanding and familiarity with present, past, and future verb tenses.

C)

Increase knowledge about Nahua culture and history.

Student Learning Outcomes: A)

Develop intermediate level language comprehension -speaking, reading, writing and listening- knowledge of the language structure, as well as cultural competence and sensibility, in order to facilitate students' ability to communicate effectively, correctly, creatively and respectfully in and outside Nahua villages.

B)

Learn about the Nahua historical and social cultural aspects of Nahuas of today.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Students must have completed a Beginning Nahuatl course. Exceptions may be made, with an interview with the Instructor. Knowledge of Spanish is not required in this course

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructors: de la Cruz, Shaiken,, Johnson

LINGUIS 20C Nahuatl Advanced I 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Continuation of the study of Nahuatl; advanced level language comprehension (speaking, reading, writing and listening), knowledge of the language structure, as well as cultural competence and sensibility, in order to facilitate students' ability to communicate effectively, correctly, creatively and respectfully in and outside Nahua villages.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: A)

Improve comprehension and speaking skills and learn vocabulary related to Nahua religion, Nahua people of today, bilingualism, and Nahua education.

B)

Read, understand, and analyze texts and plays related to Nahua culture.

C)

Continue learning and practicing the present, past and future verbal tenses. Build off of the grammar learned in the previous levels.

Student Learning Outcomes: A)

Develop intermediate level language comprehension -speaking, reading, writing and listening- knowledge of the language structure, as well as cultural competence and sensibility, in order to facilitate students' ability to communicate effectively, correctly, creatively and respectfully in and outside Nahua villages.

B)

Learn about the Nahua historical and social cultural aspects of Nahuas of today

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: SPANISH 25, or approval of the instructor Students must have completed an Intermediate Nahuatl course. Exceptions may be made, with an interview with the Instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructors: de la Cruz, Shaiken, Johnson

LINGUIS 21A Nahuatl for Beginners II 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021

Second semester of the beginning level Nahuatl course: introduction to the study of the fundamentals of Nahuatl; comprehension skills, grammatical structures, speaking practice; and exposure to Nahua culture, history and modern life.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: A)

Improve comprehension and speaking skills and learn vocabulary related to introductions, likes, dislikes, time, daily routines, and the process and symbolism of sowing maize.

B)

Learn present, past, and future verb tenses; the propositive in the past and future tense; reverential and diminutive modes.

C)

Learn basics of Nahua culture and history.

Student Learning Outcomes: A)

Develop beginner level language comprehension -speaking, reading, writing and listening- knowledge of the language structure, as well as cultural competence and sensibility, in order to facilitate students' ability to communicate effectively, correctly, creatively and respectfully in and outside Nahua communities.

B) Learn about the historical and social cultural aspects of Nahuas of today.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 20A

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 21B Nahuatl Intermediate Level II 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021

Second semester of the beginning level Nahuatl course: introduction to the study of the fundamentals of Nahuatl; comprehension skills, grammatical structures, speaking practice; and exposure to Nahua culture, history and modern life.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: A)

Develop intermediate level language comprehension -speaking, reading, writing and listening- knowledge of the language structure, as well as cultural competence and sensibility, in order to facilitate students' ability to communicate effectively, correctly, creatively and respectfully in and outside Nahua villages

B)

Learn basics of Nahua culture and history.

Student Learning Outcomes: A)

Learn and practice verbal tenses such as present, past and future tense, focusing largely on the past tense because it is the most complex.

B)

Learn vocabulary related to migration, rural vs. urban, poetry, art, and childhood.

C)

Practice and develop grammar learned at the beginner's level

D)

Be able to use Nahuatl in daily situations, and read texts about stories of Nahuas of today.

E)

Learn about the historical and social cultural aspects of Nahuas of today.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: LINGUISTICS 20B, or approval of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 22 Introduction to the History of the English Language 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Fall 2011

An introduction to the major ways in which the English language has changed over the past 1,200 years. Students will be expected to learn and be able to apply a few basic linguistic concepts in order to understand better the developments we observe. We will investigate data from both literary and non-literary texts.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 23 Language and Sex 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2013 10 Week Session, Summer 2013 Second 6 Week Session

Introduction to linguistic principles through analysis of sexual terminology and collocations. Exploration of sociolinguistic issues related to sex, gender, and sexuality. Examination of how societal attitudes about sexuality are reflected in language, and how different languages express sexual concepts differently.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 freshmen.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

LINGUIS 40 Language of Advertising 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2017, Spring 2015

The ways in which language is used in advertising. An introduction to basic linguistic principles of how speech acts work, the semantic effects of framing, and the contribution of language to multimodal print and video advertising: the division of labor between images and words, and different strategies in integrating them into a single message. Cultural differences both in advertising "message strategies" (what content is presented) and in "formal strategies" (how is it presented?).

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Sweetser

LINGUIS 47 Language and Communication Disorders 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

An overview of major communication disorders, and an introduction to career options in speech/language pathology and related career paths. The characteristics of all major types of adult aphasia and several other common adult-onset communication disorders, including dysarthria, apraxia of speech, and communication disorders accompanying right-hemisphere disorders. Principal differences and similarities between symptoms of aphasia and the effects of aging in neuro-typical speakers, and between symptoms of aphasia and effects of dementia on language processing. Career paths related to language disorders, such as speech language pathology, and how to prepare for them. Resources for people living with aphasia in the Bay Area and U.S.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 55AC The American Languages 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024

A linguistic view of the history, society, and culture of the United States. The diversity of languages spoken in this country and the issues surrounding them: language and ethnicity; politics of linguistic pluralism vs. societal monolingualism; language shift, maintenance, and revitalization; language and education. The course will pay particular attention to the history and diversification of American English dialects, the historical and current situation of Native American language communities, and the development and structure of African-American English, examining its origins and its role in American society today.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: By successfully completing the course, students will – develop an understanding and appreciation of the diversity of language varieties

and styles in the United States;

– use linguistics as a tool to engage in informed, critical discussions about society and

challenge the main myths about languages; and

– interpret how language ideologies shape attitudes, practices, and policies in the

United States, including our own individual language identities.

In addition, students will gain experience researching, reflecting on, and writing about

American history and culture from a social scientific perspective. These are skills which

are useful in linguistics but also transferable to many other disciplines.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 65 Music and Language 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2012 Second 6 Week Session

This course investigates the musical characteristics of human language.

Major questions include: the relationship between musical and linguistic structures, such as tone, stress, and rhythm; the role of ethnomusicology in language study; how music and language are perceived and processed in the brain differently; and the acoustic properties of speech and music.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS C70 Working with Grammar: Linguistic Tools for Learning and Teaching a Native American Language 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017

This course is for people who want to learn a Native American language, understood to include any of the hundreds of indigenous languages of North, Central, and South America. Since most of these languages are not taught in the usual formal educational settings, a major emphasis of the course is helping students develop strategies for self-directed language learning and effective teaching methods to help others learn as well. The course will also provide a basic introduction to principles of linguistic analysis that will make materials developed by specialists more accessible and useful to learners.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Line Mikkelsen

Also listed as: NATAMST C70

LINGUIS 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2011

Group study of a topic not included in the regular department curriculum.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of directed group study per week

8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

LINGUIS 100 Introduction to Linguistic Science 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Summer 2025 8 Week Session, Spring 2025

An intensive introduction of linguistic analysis, including core areas such as phonetics and phonology, morphology, and syntax and semantics, with data from a range of languages. Argumentation and writing skills are developed through substantial weekly homework assignments.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS W100 Introduction to Linguistic Science 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2021 8 Week Session

Introduction to linguistics, the study of language. The course includes sections on the study of speech sounds (phonetics), how those sounds are structured to form words (phonology), the structure of complex words (morphology), the structure of sentences (syntax), and the study of word meaning and how words combine to form propositions (semantics). We will also address common misperceptions about what language is and what it isn't, including notions of linguistic "correctness" and how different individuals use language (sociolinguistics), how languages are related to each other and change over time (historical linguistics), and how children learn languages (language acquisition). This course draws on data from languages all around the world.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: After successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

1. Transcribe language using the International Phonetics Alphabet
2. Describe phonological alternations using phonological rules
3. Analyze complex morphology and identify cases of allomorphy
4. Describe the structure of sentences using syntactic trees
5. Understand compositional semantics and pragmatics
6. Identify sound changes and reconstruct proto-languages
7. Describe the social functions of language and the way it is used to resist and perpetuate existing power structures

Hours & Format

Summer: 8 weeks - 8 hours of web-based lecture and 2 hours of web-based discussion per week

Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: JENKS

LINGUIS C105 Cognitive Linguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Summer 2019 8 Week Session, Spring 2019

Conceptual systems and language from the perspective of cognitive science. How language gives insight into conceptual structure, reasoning, category-formation, metaphorical understanding, and the framing of experience. Cognitive versus formal linguistics. Implications from and for philosophy, anthropology, literature, artificial intelligence, and politics.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructors: G. Lakoff, E. Sweetser

Formerly known as: 105

Also listed as: COG SCI C101

LINGUIS 106 Metaphor 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2021, Fall 2019

The role of metaphor in structuring our everyday language, conceptual system, and world view. Topics include cross-cultural differences, literary metaphor, sound symbolism, and related theoretical issues in philosophy, linguistics, psychology and anthropology.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Lower division students must have instructor approval

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructors: G. Lakoff, Sweetser

LINGUIS 108 Psycholinguistics 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

Psycholinguistics is the study of the mechanisms underlying the human ability to talk and to

understand language. The goal of this course is to provide an introduction to questions, methods, and key findings in

Psycholinguistics for undergraduate students.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Gahl

LINGUIS 109 Bilingualism 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2019, Spring 2018

This course is an introduction to key psycholinguistic, sociocultural, and individual factors shaping bilingualism and bilingual education, examining research in Psycholinguistics with implications for education and pedagogy, and, conversely, research on education with implications for Psycholinguistics.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100 or instructor approval

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Gahl

LINGUIS 110 Phonetics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

Introduction to (1) phonetic transcription of speech using the International Phonetic Alphabet, (2) acoustic analysis of speech, (3) physiological and cognitive aspects of speech production and perception, and (4) phonological analysis of language sound systems.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100 or consent of instructor or graduate status

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 111 Phonology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024

Introduction to cross-linguistic phenomena and methods of analysis in phonology, including phonological categories, features, alternations, and phonological models for capturing related generalizations; as well as syllable structure, tone and stress, and morphologically conditioned phonology.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100 Linguistics 100

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 113 Experimental Phonetics 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Practical training in experimental phonetics; acoustic, physiological, and perceptual analysis of speech.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 110

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

LINGUIS 115 Morphology 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2022

Introduction to important cross-linguistic morphological phenomena as well as standard methods of description and analysis.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 120 Syntax 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Summer 2024 First 6 Week Session, Spring 2024

An introduction to the study of the structural properties of sentences and the connections between sentence structure and sentence meaning.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: LINGUIS 100

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternate method of final assessment during regularly scheduled final exam group (e.g., presentation, final project, etc.).

LINGUIS 121 Formal Semantics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2022

This course provides an introduction to the study of linguistic meaning. It focuses

on the application of formal tools drawn from set theory and logic (including the lambda calculus) to make explicit claims about the meaning of words and sentences.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100 or permission of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 122 Linguistic Typology 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2016, Fall 2014

Issues in language typology and linguistic universals. An examination of various linguistic subsystems in different languages. Topics will include interrogatives, pronominal systems, relative clause formation, case systems, etc.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 123 Pragmatics 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Fall 2017

The relation between language use and human actions. Some topics to be emphasized are conversational logic, speech act theory, politeness, social role, psychological perception of oneself and language, variation in language use.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 124 Discourse 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Spring 2010

This course explores how discourse within small group interaction is structured by sociocultural forces such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, and regional/political affiliation. It looks at various contexts of interaction, from weblogs to political debates to casual chat, in audio, video and text form, covering topics and methods in pragmatics, conversation and discourse analysis, and sociolinguistics.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

LINGUIS 125 Gesture, Cognition, and Culture 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2022 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2015 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2014 First 6 Week Session

Everyone gestures – even when they might not realize it. This course seeks to uncover what we can learn about cognition and culture through the lens of this integral aspect of our communicative and cognitive selves. We will consider the relationship between language and gesture including its role in language acquisition and in signed languages, and study how gestures help us communicate and help us think. We will also look at cross-cultural differences in gesture, the role of gesture in child development, applications of gesture from education to politics, and unpack the possibility of the gestural origins of human language.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

LINGUIS 128 Linguistic Analysis of Literature 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2019

Literary texts provide unique material for linguists: good authors manage to use everyday grammatical forms in exceptional ways. In this course, students will read scholarly linguistic works on literary analysis, and also analyze literary texts using the tools they acquire. Linguistics readings will focus on narratology and cognitive linguistic approaches, including mental spaces theory, conceptual metaphor theory, and work on iconicity, viewpoint, and causal structure.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Sweetser

LINGUIS 130 Comparative and Historical Linguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Methods of reconstruction. Types and explanations of language change. Dialectology. The establishment of language relationships and subgroupings.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 131 Indo-European Comparative Linguistics 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2014, Spring 2008

The affinities of the Indo-European languages and the reconstruction of their common ancestor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 130

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS C137 Introduction to Slavic Linguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2021

An introduction to best practices in applying linguistic analysis to Slavic languages. Development of critical thinking and analytical skills.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: A year or more of a Slavic language or consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for Slavic Languages and Literatures C137/Linguistics C137 after taking Slavic Languages and Literatures 137; a deficient grade in Slavic Languages and Literatures 137 may be removed by taking Slavic Languages and Literatures C137/Linguistics C137.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Instructor: Kavitskaya

Also listed as: SLAVIC C137

LINGUIS C139 Language Spread 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Spring 2010, Spring 2006

Linguistic background and the general principles of language spread. Mechanisms of language spread, including creolization-decreolization, language planning, and the role of bilingualism. Case studies in language spread, including Austronesian, Indo-European, Amerindian, Uralic, African, Sinitic, and Australian languages. Relationship of language spread to immigration and culture spreads.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Also listed as: SLAVIC C139

LINGUIS 140 Field Methods 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Covers the methods and practice in collecting, processing, and analyzing data based on work with a native speaker of a particular language.

Requires students to discriminate and transcribe sounds, collect texts, and to describe and analyze grammatical phenomena from their own data. The language varies each time the course is taught, at the choice of the instructor.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 110 and either 111 or 115; or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

LINGUIS 140A Investigating an understudied language: Methods of description & analysis 4 Units

Terms offered: Not yet offered

In this course, you will gain hands-on experience in identifying, documenting, and analyzing grammatical structures in a language that is both new to you and understudied in linguistic research. Each student will independently conduct an in-depth analysis of a specific aspect of the language, which can be related to any area of theoretical linguistics, including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, or semantics. This work will culminate in a final project.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100 or consent of the instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Students may enroll in multiple sections of this course within the same semester.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternate method of final assessment during regularly scheduled final exam group (e.g., presentation, final project, etc.).

LINGUIS C142 Language and Thought 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Summer 2023 Second 6 Week Session

This seminar explores the relation of language and thought. Is language uniquely human, and if so, what does this reveal about the human mind? Does the particular language you speak affect the way you think, or do human languages reflect a universal conceptual repertoire? The goal of this class is to familiarize you with a set of classic arguments on these themes, together with current research that evaluates these arguments, through weekly reading and discussion.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Regier

Also listed as: COG SCI C142

LINGUIS 146 Language Acquisition 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session

An overview of topics and theories in language acquisition: early development of speech perception and production, word learning, generalizing linguistic structure, and differences between first language acquisition, second language acquisition, and bilingualism. We will also compare different theoretical approaches, and address the classic "nature vs. nurture" question by examining both traditional generativist approaches and more recent usage based models.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS C146 Language Acquisition 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

An overview of topics and theories in language acquisition: early development of speech perception and production, word learning, generalizing linguistic structure, and differences between first language acquisition, second language acquisition, and bilingualism. We will also compare different theoretical approaches, and address the classic "nature vs. nurture" question by examining both traditional generativist approaches and more recent usage based models.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Formerly known as: Linguistics C146/Psychology C143

Also listed as: PSYCH C143

LINGUIS 148 Phonological Development 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2016

This class will explore phonological development, focusing primarily on first language acquisition. How do young children acquire the phonological and phonetic patterns of the language surrounding them? It is well-established that children exhibit pronunciation patterns that differ from those of adult speakers. We will examine a range of factors that might contribute to this: perceptual, articulatory, speech-planning, grammatical. In the last part of the course we will briefly discuss phonological delays and second-language acquisition. Students will gain knowledge of phonological development, experience in reading, critiquing and presenting journal articles, and hands-on experience analyzing transcribed acquisition data.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100 Required. Students should also have taken at least one of these three: Linguistics 110, 115, c146

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Inkelas

LINGUIS 150 Sociolinguistics 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

The principles and methods of sociolinguistics. Topics to be covered include linguistic pragmatics, variation theory, social and regional dialectology, and oral styles.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for LINGUIS 150 after completing LINGUIS 150A. A deficient grade in LINGUIS 150 may be removed by taking LINGUIS 150A.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 150A Concepts, Theories, and Methodologies of Sociolinguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Intro to core concepts, theories, and methodologies of sociolinguistics, one of the major subfields of contemporary linguistics. We will examine how language reflects social characteristics and categories including age, gender, socioeconomic status, regional affiliation, race and ethnicity, individual and group identity, and style. Broad topics include multilingualism and language contact, regional linguistic differentiation (dialectology), language variation, language change, and language policy and planning.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for LINGUIS 150A after completing LINGUIS 150. A deficient grade in LINGUIS 150A may be removed by taking LINGUIS 150.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 150E Sociolinguistics: Topics in Language and Society 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022

Sociolinguistics: Topics in Language and Society

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

LINGUIS 151 Language and Gender 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2025 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2024

Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session

An overview of research over the past 30 years on the relationship between language and gender: how women's use of language differs from men's, in U.S. and other cultures; how men and women are spoken of differently; how women and men have different amounts of access to power via public discourse; gender differences in nondominant groups (e.g., lesbians and gays; African Americans); the role of stereotyping in linguistic differences between the sexes; role of gender in discourse genres.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 152 Pidgin and Creole Languages 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2001, Fall 1998

This course will cover various pidgins and creoles of the world, examining their linguistic and sociohistorical significance, as well as their use in the modern world.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 5 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 153 Speech in Society 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session

Even within a single language or dialect, speech can vary greatly. Variation occurs between groups, between individuals, and even within individuals in different contexts. The primary influence for such speech variation is social factors such as gender or class. While many differences can be found in word choice or sentence structure, most variability occurs in pronunciation. The study of social influences on pronunciation is known as 'sociophonetics', an interface of the two subfield, sociolinguistics and phonetics. In this course we will explore the development of the field, the linguistic features which vary, the social factors influencing these differences, questions of how children acquire knowledge of sociophonetic variation, as well

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

LINGUIS 154 Language Revitalization: Theory and Practice 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2017

This course will explore a range of theories and practices that undergird efforts by linguists and language activists to revitalize and revalorize endangered languages in communities around the world, with a focus on the Americas. Beginning with an exploration of how linguistic diversity, language vitality, and language politics interact, the course will narrow focus toward individual student projects that explore language revitalization issues in the context of a specific language or community, including the option to create usable revitalization materials for that community.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: LING 100 or LING 5; or similar training in basic linguistics and prior consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

LINGUIS 155AC Language in the United States: a Capsule History 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2023 First 6 Week Session, Spring 2023, Summer 2022 First 6 Week Session

This course explores and analyzes the linguistic landscape of the United States throughout American history from the languages of the indigenous people of America to those of immigrants from all over the world. Because language and identity are inextricably intertwined, the story of languages in contact is also about the negotiation of identity, power, conflict, and politics. As we study language change and social movement since colonial times, matters of culture and identity, attitude, and racial discrimination will be highlighted.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 156 Sociophonetics 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025

The existence of linguistic variation is an easily observable fact about the way that humans speak. How can we quantify this type of variation in a way that is scientifically sound? In this course, you will learn how to observe, measure, and describe sociolinguistic variation that exists across all the ways speakers produce sounds. You will also learn about research ethics, time management, and professionalism in linguistics. Finally, you will see how to design, propose, and conduct a collaborative research project, as well as write and submit an abstract for an academic conference.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: By successfully completing the course, students will

1. understand social correlates of variation and change in language and how they manifest in speech sounds
2. be familiar with best practices in sociolinguistics and phonetics
3. collect, analyze, discuss and present phonetic data; and
4. conduct a small scale, rigorous linguistic study with a group

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 110

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

LINGUIS 158 Computational Methods 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2012, Fall 2002, Fall 2001

An introduction to computational methods for linguists. No prior programming experience required. Students will learn how to program, and will use that knowledge to manipulate and analyze linguistic datasets, including corpora. The course will also prepare students for further study in computational modeling.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100 or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

LINGUIS C160 Quantitative Methods in Linguistics 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2022

An introduction to quantitative methods for linguistic analysis and applications. Students will be introduced to statistical modeling techniques for linguistic datasets, as well as models that have applications in natural language processing. The class will make use of programming languages (R and/or Python) as necessary—e.g., for data visualization and modeling.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100 or graduate student standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Gahl

Also listed as: COG SCI C140

LINGUIS 170 History, Structure, and Sociolinguistics of a Particular Language 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024

In this course, students explore with a faculty member the history, structure, and sociolinguistics of a particular language. Generally, this is a language that is a research interest of the professor. The language investigated changes with each offering of this course.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Linguistics 100 (or equivalent preparation, with instructor's permission). Other prerequisites may be required by the particular instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

LINGUIS 175 American Indian Languages 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2013, Spring 2011
Introduction to the native languages of the Americas.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 181 Lexical Semantics 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Spring 2016, Spring 2013
Lectures and exercises in the description of word meanings, the organization of lexical systems, the lexicalization of particular semantic domains (kinship, color, etc.), and contrastive lexicology: lexicalization pattern differences across languages.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 120

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

LINGUIS 183 The Linguistics of Game of Thrones and the Art of Language Invention 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2017 First 6 Week Session
This is a college level introduction to language creation and language study. Language creation lies somewhere between the realms of art and science, drawing heavily on both. Students will acquire the fundamentals of the scientific study of language, and will be encouraged to take that information and employ it creatively in the field of conlanging (language creation). This course will feature in class lectures, group discussion, classroom activities, and at home study.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1 of the following 3 is required: • Linguistics 5 • Linguistics 100 • Instructor Permission

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Peterson

LINGUIS 187 Writing as Framing 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022

This course approaches writing as a cognitive activity, an attempt to translate ideas into written form which readers will understand. Creativity in writing, then, is cognitive creativity – including creative construction of reception. This approach to writing foregrounds linguistic framing as the means to reduce infinitely rich experience or concepts to finite communicative objects. We will employ Frame Semantics and Cognitive Metaphor Theory in analyzing and creating written texts. The course examines a range of genres including popular media, academic writing, and poetry; student essays involve both creative text-building and self-reflection on their writing process.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Sweetser

LINGUIS 188 LINGUISTIC DATA 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2022 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2021 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session
How can we use data science methods to understand human language? Linguistics involves the study of language sounds, words, meanings, context, structure and change. This course provides students with the computational skills necessary to analyze linguistic data from these areas. We will draw on data from languages around the world and use computer programming and data visualization techniques from Foundations of Data Science.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternate method of final assessment during regularly scheduled final exam group (e.g., presentation, final project, etc.).

LINGUIS H195A Linguistics Honors Course 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016

A two-semester course consisting of independent study of an advanced topic, supervised by a faculty member, and culminating with a senior honors thesis which will be evaluated by a faculty honors committee. Thesis is due on the Monday of the 13th week of the second semester, and honors students will be invited to present their research at an Undergraduate Colloquium.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3.5 GPA or higher, overall and in the major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5-10 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 3-6 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series. Final exam not required.

LINGUIS H195B Linguistics Honors Course 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2018, Spring 2017

A two-semester course consisting of independent study of an advanced topic, supervised by a faculty member, and culminating with a senior honors thesis which will be evaluated by a faculty honors committee. Thesis is due on the Monday of the 13th week of the second semester, and honors students will be invited to present their research at an Undergraduate Colloquium.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 3.5 GPA or higher, overall and in the major

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 5-10 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 3-6 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series. Final exam not required.

LINGUIS 197 Research Practicum 1 - 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Individual research on projects in the subfields of Linguistics, sponsored by a faculty member; written reports required.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: completion of Linguistics 100

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-8 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7.5-22.5 hours of fieldwork per week

8 weeks - 5.5-16.5 hours of fieldwork per week

10 weeks - 4.5-13.5 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

LINGUIS 198 Directed Group Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Fall 2020

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of directed group study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

LINGUIS 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2022, Summer 2021

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Linguistics/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.