

Linguistics (BA/BS)

<http://cas.uoregon.edu/linguistics/undergraduate-programs>

Language is with you all day, every day of your life—it is central to the human experience. You use language to think, to learn new things, to get things done, to share your heart, and to engage with others more generally. In the Linguistics Department, you will be introduced to the science of language in a high-powered and welcoming research community. You will learn all about how language works, how it is learned, how it varies from society to society, and how it changes over time.

Work in linguistics cultivates key intellectual abilities: analytical skills, data analysis skills, reasoning and argumentation, and written and oral communication skills. A degree in linguistics prepares students for professions and further training in any number of areas that value these abilities. Those who pursue degrees in linguistics frequently go on to pursue careers in teaching (e.g., foreign language or ESL teaching in the US or abroad), the tech industry (e.g., software development and testing, speech analysis and synthesis), health sciences (e.g., speech-language pathology), or national security.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Perform basic acoustic analyses of recorded speech sounds.
- Discover the phoneme inventory and basic phonotactic structure in a sufficiently large set of phonetically transcribed words.
- Analyze the morphological and syntactic constructions in a sample of glossed linguistic data.
- Design a laboratory or field research project in some area of linguistics.
- Read and demonstrate an understanding of current research literature in areas of linguistics taught in our program.

Linguistics Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
LING 301	Introduction to Linguistics Analysis	4
LING 302	Introduction to Linguistic Behavior	4
LING 311	Phonetics and Phonology	4
LING 312	Morphosyntax	4
Specialization Courses		20
LING 411	Phonetics	
LING 415	Semantics	
LING 416	Language and Cognition	
LING 430	Research Methods for Applied Linguistics	
LING 431	Statistical Methods in Linguistics	
LING 435	Advanced Morphology	
LING 444	Second-Language Acquisition	
LING 450	Introduction to Phonology	
LING 451	Advanced Syntax	
LING 460	Historical Linguistics	
LING 491	Sociolinguistics	
LING 493	Corpus Linguistics	

Seminar

LING 455	Linguistic Research: [Topic]	4
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Electives

Any 200-level or greater LING course ¹	4
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Total Credits	44
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¹ Excludes LING 403

Additional Requirements

Two years of one second language and one year of another.

Courses applied to the major in linguistics must be taken for letter grades. A course in which a grade of D+ or lower is earned cannot count toward the major.

The study program of undergraduate linguistics majors must be approved by a departmental undergraduate advisor.

Honors Program in Linguistics

By fulfilling the following requirements, any linguistics major may graduate with honors.

Grade Point Average

On entry to the honors program at the end of the junior year, a grade point average (GPA) of 3.75 or better in linguistics courses and at least 3.50 overall is required. At the end of the senior year, a GPA of 3.75 or better in linguistics courses is required.

Senior Thesis

Write an original honors thesis under the guidance of a thesis advisor from the linguistics faculty, chosen in consultation with the undergraduate advisor. The thesis must be a substantial piece of work; it may be a revised and expanded term paper. The thesis advisor determines whether the thesis is acceptable; the student is required to register for at least 6 credits in Thesis (LING 403), taken pass/no pass, over the course of at least two terms.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
WR 121Z	Composition I	4	
First term of 1st-year second-language sequence		4	
Elective course with LING subject code (200-level)		4	
Core-education course in arts and letters		4	
Credits		16	
Winter			
WR 122Z	Composition II	4	
or WR 123 or College Composition III			
LING 302	Introduction to Linguistic Behavior	4	
Second term of 1st-year second-language sequence		4	

Core-education course in social science	4
Credits	16
Spring	
LING 301 Introduction to Linguistics Analysis Complete before Fall 2nd year	4
Third term of 1st-year second-language sequence	4
Core-education course in social science	4
Core-education course in science	4
Credits	16
Second Year	
Fall	
LING 311 Phonetics and Phonology	4
First term of 2nd-year second-language sequence	4
Core-education course in social science	4
Core-education course in arts and letters	4
Credits	16
Winter	
LING 312 Morphosyntax	4
Second term of 2nd-year second-language sequence	4
Core-education course in science	4
Elective course	4
Credits	16
Spring	
Any 400-level LING specialization course	4
Third term of 2nd-year second-language sequence	4
Core-education course in social science Complete cultural literacy requiremer	4
Core-education course in science	4
Credits	16
Third Year	
Fall	
Any two 400-level LING specialization courses	8
First term of a third-language sequence	4
Core-education course in arts and letters	4
Credits	16
Winter	
Any two 400-level LING specialization courses	8
Second term of a third-language sequence	4
Core-education course in social science	4
Credits	16
Spring	
LING 407 Seminar: [Topic]	4
Third term of a third-language sequence	4
Core-education course in science	4
Elective course	4
Credits	16
Fourth Year	
Fall	
Core-education course in arts and letters	4

Elective courses	12
Credits	16
Winter	
Elective courses	16
Credits	16
Spring	
Elective courses	16
Apply for graduation	16
Credits	16
Total Credits	192