

LINGUISTICS, BS

Linguistics is a major that gives students insight into one of the most intriguing aspects of human knowledge and behavior. Majoring in linguistics means that you will learn about many aspects of human language, including sounds (phonetics, phonology), words (morphology), sentences (syntax), and meaning (semantics). At Tulane, we look at how languages change over time (historical linguistics); how language varies from situation to situation, group to group, and place to place (sociolinguistics, dialectology); how people use language in context (pragmatics, discourse analysis); how to model aspects of language (computational linguistics); how people acquire or learn language (language acquisition); and how people process language (psycholinguistics, brain and language).

The array of courses offered by the Program allows linguistics majors to master the basics of the discipline. Linguistics majors develop valuable intellectual skills in analytical reasoning and critical thinking, lucid communication, and the use of research methodologies.

Career opportunities for linguistics majors are: publishing, computer industry, foreign language education, advertising, national security, translating/interpreting, speech and language pathology.

Requirements

The major in linguistics consists of ten courses selected from the lists below. The student should take at least one course in each of the following areas: phonology, morphosyntax, language history, and language and thought.

Phonology:

Course ID	Title	Credits
ANTH 3630	Linguistic Phonetics	3
ANTH 3640	Phonology	3
FREN 3140	French Phonetics	3
SPAN 4260	Span Phonetic/Phonolgy	3
THEA 3090	Stage Speech I	3
THEA 4090	Stage Speech II	3

Morphosyntax:

Course ID	Title	Credits
ANTH 3590	Introduction To Syntax	3
ANTH 3650	Morphology	3
CMPS 1500	Intro to Computer Science I	4
CMPS 1600	Intro to Computer Science II	4
CMPS 2200	Intro to Algorithms	3
CMPS 4620	Artificial Intelligence	3
PHIL 1210	Elementary Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL 3040	Mathematical Logic	3
PHIL 6060	Advanced Symbolic Logic	3
RUSS 3250	Advanced Russian Grammar	3

Language History:

Course ID	Title	Credits
ANTH 3300	History of Writing	3,4
ANTH 3310	Historical Linguistics	3,4
ANTH 3440	Dialect in America	3
EDUC 3220	Linguistics for English Language Learning	3
ENLS 4050	History of the Language	3
FREN 4210	History of French Language	3
SPAN 4270	Iberoamer Dialectology	3
SPAN 6510	Hist of the Span Lang	3

Language and Thought:

Course ID	Title	Credits
ANTH 3290	The Nature of Language	3
ANTH 3400	Language and Culture	3
ANTH 3660	Discourse Analysis	3,4
ANTH 3670	Language & Acquisition	3
ANTH 3680	Language and Power	3
ANTH 3690	Language and Gender	3,4
ANTH 6400	Language and Culture	3
LING 4110	Brain and Language	3
LING 4720	Translation Studies Theory	3
PHIL 3800	Language and Thought	3,4
PHIL 6180	Mental Representation	3,4

Students majoring in linguistics who elect to graduate with a B.S. degree must have credit for two mathematics courses:

- one calculus course, MATH 1210 Calculus I (4 c.h.) or equivalent; and
- one statistics course MATH 1230 Statistics For Scientists (4 c.h.), or a higher level class in statistics.

In addition to courses listed here in cooperating departments, students may elect to take language courses to broaden their linguistic base. Students may count up to 9 credit hours of courses in a language other than English toward the major. No language courses taken to fulfill the college proficiency requirement may be counted toward the major.

Courses

Course ID	Title	Credits
ANTH 3290	The Nature of Language	3
ANTH 3300	History of Writing	3
ANTH 3310	Historical Linguistics	3
ANTH 3400	Language and Culture	3
ANTH 3420	Semantics: Linguistic Approaches to Meaning	3
ANTH 3440	Dialect in America	3
ANTH 3441	Lexicography	3
ANTH 3535	Native American Language and Linguistics	3
ANTH 3590	Introduction To Syntax	3
ANTH 3630	Linguistic Phonetics	3
ANTH 3640	Phonology	3
ANTH 3650	Morphology	3
ANTH 3660	Discourse Analysis	3
ANTH 3670	Language & Acquisition	3
ANTH 3680	Language and Power	3
ANTH 3690	Language and Gender	3
ANTH 3780	Language Death	3
ANTH 4930	Languages of Louisiana	3
ANTH 6400	Language and Culture	3
ANTH 6415	Pidgins and Creoles	3
ANTH 6420	Linguistic Field Methods	3
ANTH 6700	Spoken Nahuatl	3
ANTH 6720	Spoken Yoruba	3
ANTH 6800	Spoken Yucatecan Maya	3
ANTH 6810	Introduction to Maya Hieroglyphs	3
ANTH 6840	Beginning Kaqchikel (Maya) Language	3,4
ANTH 6845	Beginning K'iche' Language	3

ANTH 6850	Intermediate K'iche' Language	3
ANTH 6855	Advanced K'iche' Language	3
ANTH 6860	Introduction to K'iche' Culture	3
ANTH 6870	Kaqchikel Maya Culture	3
ANTH 7290	Linguistic Analysis	3
ANTH 7310	Prehistory of Languages	3
ANTH 7340	Dialectology	3
ANTH 7400	Language & Culture	3
ANTH 7441	Lexicography: Dictionaries	3
ANTH 7535	Native American Language and Linguistics	3
ANTH 7570	Intermediate Kaqchikel Language	3
ANTH 7580	Advanced Kaqchikel Language	3
ANTH 7590	Syntactic Theory	3
ANTH 7630	Linguistic Phonetics	3
ANTH 7640	Phonology	3
ANTH 7650	Morphology	3
ANTH 7660	Discourse Analysis	3
ANTH 7670	Language & Acquisition	3
ANTH 7680	Language and Power	3
ANTH 7690	Language and Gender	3
ANTH 7780	Language Death	3
ANTH 7930	Languages of Louisiana	3
LING 3000	Tunica La's Sleeping Language	3
LING 3010	Semantics	3
LING 3700	Second Language Acquisition	3
LING 3890	Service Learning	1
LING 4110	Brain and Language	3
LING 6720	Translation Studies Theory	3

Courses Offered by Other Departments

Course ID	Title	Credits
ASLS 1010	American Sign Language I	4
ASLS 1020	American Sign Language II	4
ASLS 2030	American Sign Language III	4
ASLS 3050	Introduction to Interpreting ASL to English to ASL	3
ASTC 1010	Beginning Chinese I	4
ASTC 1020	Beginning Chinese II	4
ASTC 2030	Intermediate Chinese I	4
ASTC 2040	Intermediate Chinese II	4
ASTC 3050	Adv Chinese Language I	4
ASTC 3051	Heritage Chinese	4
ASTC 3060	Adv Chinese Language II	4
ASTC 3065	Issues in Contemporary China	4
ASTC 3070	Business Chinese	3
ASTC 4070	Adv Chinese Read & Write	3
ASTC 4080	Chinese Media Literacy	3
ASTC 4360	Special Topics in Chinese Lang	3
ASTJ 1010	Beginning Japanese I	4
ASTJ 1020	Beginning Japanese II	4
ASTJ 2030	Intermediate Japanese I	4
ASTJ 2040	Intermediate Japanese II	4

ASTJ 3050	Advanced Japanese Speaking I	3
ASTJ 3051	Advanced Japanese Speaking II	3
ASTJ 3060	Advanced Japanese Reading II	3
ASTJ 4060	Advanced Japanese Comp & Pres	3
ASTJ 4070	Advanced Japanese Composition & Presentation II	3
FREN 1010	Elementary French I	4
FREN 1020	Elementary French II	4
FREN 2030	Intermediate French	4
FREN 2130	Intermediate French Conversation	2
FREN 3060	Business French	3
FREN 3140	French Phonetics	3
FREN 3150	Advanced French Through Media I	3
FREN 3160	Advanced French Through Media II	3
FREN 3170	French Pop Culture	3
FREN 4050	Teaching French	3
FREN 4060	Professional French	3
FREN 4080	French Around the World	3
FREN 4100	French In Louisiana	3
FREN 4110	Field Research on French in Louisiana	3
FREN 4160	Translation Theory & Practice	3
FREN 4210	History of French Language	3
FREN 6070	Survey of French Linguistics	3
FREN 6085	Pidgins and Creoles	3
FREN 6110	Field Research on French in Louisiana	3
FREN 6160	Translation Theory and Practice	3
FREN 6210	History of French Language	3
FREN 6910	Independent Study FREN Ling	1-3
GERM 1010	Elementary German I	4
GERM 1020	Elementary German II	4
GERM 1120	Elem German Grammar Revw	4
GERM 1470	German For Beginners	1-4
GERM 2030	Intermediate German	4
GERM 2040	Intermed German II	4
GERM 3050	Advanced Grammar & Composition	3
GERM 3360	Translatn:Theory & Pract	3
GERM 4250	Adv Comp Convr Phonetics	3
GERM 7130	Old High German	3
GREK 1010	Elementary Greek	4
GREK 1020	Intermediate Greek	4
HACR 1010	Elementary Haitian Creole I	4
HACR 1020	Elementary Haitian Creole II	4
HACR 2030	Intermediate Haitian Creole	4
HBRW 1010	Elementary Hebrew I	4
HBRW 1020	Elementary Hebrew II	4
HBRW 1100	Readings In Hebrew	1
HBRW 2030	Intermediate Hebrew I	4
HBRW 2130	Intermediate Hebrew II	3
HBRW 2140	Reading In Hebrew	1
HBRW 2230	Biblical Hebrew I	3
HBRW 3100	Advanced Hebrew I	3
HBRW 3110	Advanced Hebrew II	3

HBRW 3230	Biblical Hebrew II	3
ITAL 1010	Elementary Italian I	4
ITAL 1020	Elementary Italian II	4
ITAL 1030	Elem Ital For Romnc Lang I	4
ITAL 1040	Elem Ital Romnc Lang II	4
ITAL 1050	Experiencing Rome: Conversational Language and Culture	3
ITAL 2030	Intermediate Italian	4
ITAL 2040	Intermed Ital Romnc Lang	4
ITAL 3130	Advanced Conversation and Composition	3
ITAL 3200	Italian for business	3
LATN 1010	Elementary Latin	4
LATN 1020	Intermediate Latin	4
MATH 1110	Probability & Statistics I	3
MATH 1210	Calculus I	4
MATH 1230	Statistics For Scientists	4
PHIL 1210	Elementary Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL 3110	Contemporay European Philosophy	3
PHIL 3430	Semantics of Nat. Langu.	3
PHIL 3800	Language and Thought	3
PHIL 6060	Advanced Symbolic Logic	3
PHIL 6180	Mental Representation	3
PHIL 6620	Philosophical Logic	3
PORT 1120	Intensive Portuguese	4
PORT 2030	Intermediate Portuguese	4
PORT 2050	Immersive Intermedia Portugues	4
PORT 3040	Grammar & Writing - Portuguese	3
PORT 3050	Immersive Grammar & Writing	3
RUSS 1010	Elementary Russian I	4
RUSS 1020	Elementary Russian II	4
RUSS 2030	Intermediate Russian	4
RUSS 2040	Intermediate Russian II	4
SOCI 3030	Intro To Research Design	3
SOCI 3040	Social Statistics	3
SPAN 1010	Introductory Spanish I	4
SPAN 1020	Elements of Spanish II	4
SPAN 1120	Intensive Intro Spanish	4
SPAN 2030	Elements of Spanish III	4
SPAN 2040	Span Conversations & Composition	3
SPAN 3040	Advanced Spanish in Context	3
SPAN 3050	Spanish Grammar & Writing Business	3
SPAN 3060	Spanish Grammar & Writing Medical Profession	3
SPAN 3080	Spanish Grammar and Writing for the Legal Professions	3
SPAN 4260	Span Phonetic/Phonolgy	3
SPAN 4270	Iberoamer Dialectology	3
SPAN 6010	Method Tchg Span & Port	3
SPAN 6060	Hispanic Bilingualism	3
SPAN 6510	Hist of the Span Lang	3
SWHL 1010	Swahili I	3
SWHL 1020	Swahili II	3
SWHL 2030	Swahili III	3
THEA 3090	Stage Speech I	3

YRBA 1010	Elementary Yoruba I	4
YRBA 1020	Elementary Yoruba II	4

Contact

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