

LINGUISTIC STUDIES, BA

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Program Description

Linguistics is the study of the nature and use of language and provides insight into the workings of the human mind. The major ties together studies in many areas, such as anthropology, child and family studies, computer science, English and other languages, geography, literary criticism, mathematics, philosophy, psychology, sociology, speech communication, speech pathology, and linguistics proper.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze claims about human communication and about the innate language competence in humans
2. Explain claims about specific languages and the universal principles that underlie the knowledge of all languages
3. Analyze the structure of one or more particular languages and the cultural context associated with its use
4. Apply the social, cognitive, physiological, historical methods of linguistics to related areas including language and thought, language acquisition, language comprehension, language production, language use, and language teaching

Major Requirements

Linguistic studies majors and prospective majors must consult the director of the program before registration.

Students must fulfill the following language requirements:

- the Liberal Arts Core Language Skills requirement in one language; and
- successfully complete at least 6 credits in an additional language (other than English) that is structurally significantly different from the language used to fulfill the Liberal Arts Core requirement. The following pairs of languages cannot be used to fulfill this requirement: Korean/Japanese, Russian/Polish, Arabic/Hebrew. No

pair of languages from the following group may be used to fulfill this requirement: Spanish/Portuguese/Italian/French/Latin.

In addition, students successfully complete three core courses

Code	Title	Credits
LIN 301	Introductory Linguistic Analysis	3
LIN 431	Phonological Analysis	3
LIN 441	Syntactic Analysis	3

Major requirements also include the successful completion of at least 18 credits of additional work, of which at least 9 credits are in courses numbered 300 or above. The 18 credits must be in approved linguistic studies courses, chosen from at least three of the following groups:

Psychology and Biology of Language

Code	Title	Credits
COG 301	Introduction to Cognitive Science	3
CSD 212	Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders	3
CSD 315	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms	3
CSD 316	Introduction to Applied Phonetics	3
CSD 345	Speech Science	3
CSD 409	Cognitive Neuroscience of Speech and Language	3
CSD 422	Development of Speech and Language	3
LIN 201	The Nature and Study of Language	3
LIN 341	Linguistics at Work Practicum	3
LIN 371	Dimensions of Bilingualism and Multiculturalism	3
LIN 375	Forensic Linguistics	3
LIN 392	Second Language Acquisition	3

Language in Culture and Society

Code	Title	Credits
CRS 384	Discourse and Society	3
CRS 430	Intercultural Communication	3
LIN 202	Diversity of World Languages	3
LIN 208	Indigenous Languages: Their Past, Present, and Future	3
LIN 341	Linguistics at Work Practicum	3
LIN 373	Language Variation and Change	3
LIN 374	Topics in Sociolinguistics	3
LIN 381	Global Communication Through World Englishes	3

Logic and Language

Code	Title	Credits
PHI 251	Logic	3
PHI 451	Logic and Language	3
PHI 551	Mathematical Logic	3
PHI 552	Modal Logic	3
PHI 565	Philosophy of Language	3

History and Structure of Language

Code	Title	Credits
LIN 201	The Nature and Study of Language	3
LIN 202	Diversity of World Languages	3

LIN 251	English Words	3
LIN 303	Language Universals and Typology	3
LIN 305	Linguistic Structure of English	3
LIN 307	Structure of Japanese	3
LIN 312	Meaning and Communication	3
LIN 326	Structure of Standard Arabic	3
LIN 341	Linguistics at Work Practicum	3
LIN 406	Field Methods in Linguistics	3
LIN 411	Semantics of Human Languages	3
LIN 451	Morphological Analysis	3
LIN 461	Introduction to Historical Linguistics	3
SPA 435	Spanish Phonetics and Phonology	3
SPA 436	The Structure of Spanish	3
SPA 437	Introduction to Spanish Linguistics	3

Language Pedagogy

Code	Title	Credits
LIN 321	Introduction to Methodology of Teaching Languages: English/Foreign Language Teaching	3
LIN 422	Advanced Methods of Teaching Languages: English/Foreign Language Teaching	3

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

For all Arts and Sciences|Maxwell students, successful completion of a bachelor's degree in this major requires a minimum of 120 credits, 96 of which must be Arts and Sciences|Maxwell credits, completion of the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>) requirements, and the requirements for this major (30 credits) that are listed above.

Dual Enrollments:

Students dually enrolled in **Newhouse*** and Arts and Sciences|Maxwell will complete a minimum of 122 credits, with at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences|Maxwell coursework and an Arts and Sciences|Maxwell major.

*Students dually enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences|Maxwell as first year students must complete the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>). Students who transfer to the dual program after their first year as singly enrolled students in the Newhouse School will satisfy general requirements for the dual degree program by completing the Newhouse Core Requirements.

Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/idea-course-requirement/>)
- First Year Seminar (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/courses/fys/>)