

Bachelor of Arts Linguistics

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Program in Linguistics at CSU is one of only a few in the State of Ohio to offer a Major (as well as a Minor) in Linguistics. It is composed of a series of required introductory and core courses and a wide selection of elective courses. The majority of the required Linguistics courses are taught within the Department of Anthropology, which also currently administers the Linguistics Program.

Linguistics at CSU introduces students to the scientific description and analysis of human language as a cognitive, social, and cultural phenomenon. Linguists are interested in the nature, structure, and use of language. Through the study and analysis of the diversity of human languages, linguists seek to answer many questions of vital importance to scholars, scientists, and policy-makers:

- What distinguishes human language from other forms of communication?
- What features are shared by all/most human languages?
- How are languages related to each other through time and space?
- How can we learn about human cognition through the study of language?
- How does human language interface with machine language?
- How are languages changing today and what will future languages look like?

The Program in Linguistics is composed of faculty from many CSU units: Anthropology, Communication, Education, English, French, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Psychology, Spanish, and Speech & Hearing.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The science of Linguistics provides students with strong analytical skills that can be employed in a variety of careers where rigorous analysis and precise attention to detail are critical. Linguistics develops logical thinking skills and provides formal tools for expressing claims with maximal clarity. Among others, it is highly regarded as a preparation for legal studies. Some other career paths for which Linguistics majors are particularly well-suited include diplomatic service, communication, translating, editorial work, journalism, cryptography and advertising. Many Linguistics majors pursue graduate study, either in Linguistics itself or closely affiliated disciplines such as anthropology, psychology, speech and hearing, foreign languages, or literature. Linguistics students often take advantage of the abundant opportunities around the globe to teach English, for which a degree in Linguistics provides an ideal background. Those interested in teaching English to speakers of other languages are encouraged to contact Dr. Maria Angelova in the TESOL Program at 216-523-7115.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The minimum number of credit hours required for the major in Linguistics is **39**, distributed among ten or more courses. The minor in Linguistics requires **18** credit hours. The major requirements divide into four categories (see course roster on following page): **one** Introductory course; **four** required Core courses; **two** elective Core courses; and **four** additional Elective courses.

Several lesser-taught languages are available for study in the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences, and can also be used to fulfill part of the Core requirements for Linguistics majors. These have included: Norse Old English, Sanskrit, Hittite, and Mayan hieroglyphic writing.

In conjunction with Anthropology, the Linguistics Program also offers special hands-on research training in its Summer Field School in Linguistic & Ethnographic Research Methods, when available.

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Course List & Requirements for the B.A. in Linguistics

A total of 128 hours is required for the B.A. in Linguistics. All degree-seeking students are required to complete a specific number of General Education (GenEd) courses. Students are responsible for ensuring the appropriate selection of courses to satisfy GenEd requirements, and are encouraged to consult with their academic advisors regarding the applicability of selected courses. A comprehensive description of Cleveland State University's General Education Requirements for undergraduate students is available online at: <http://www.csuohio.edu/academic/gened>. Apart from these broader institutional requirements, a minimum of 39 hours must be taken from the following comprehensive list of CSU courses that count for Linguistics credit. NOTE: All courses in the following roster are 4 credit hours unless otherwise specified.

Introductory Course -- ONE of the following:

ANT/LIN 120 Introduction to Language & Linguistics
ENG/LIN 311 Elements of Linguistics

Core-A Courses -- ALL FOUR required:

SPH 228 Phonetics (3 hrs.)
ANT/LIN 340 Phonology
ANT/LIN 341 Morphology & Syntax
ANT 345 Language & Meaning

Core-B Courses -- TWO of the following:

ENG/LIN 313 Studies in Linguistics (if called "Historical LIN")
ANT 243 Language & Gender
ANT 304 Linguistic Anthropology
ANT/LIN/MLA 342 Languages in Contact

Electives -- FOUR of the following (or from "Core-B")

ANT/LIN/MLA 260 Language, Culture & Society
ANT/LIN/MLA 347 Maya Hieroglyphic Writing I
ANT/LIN/MLA 447 Maya Hieroglyphic Writing II
COM 332 Interracial Communication

EDL 406 Second Language Learning (3 hrs.)
EDL 407 TESOL Methods (3 hrs.)
EDL 408 Applied Linguistics for Teachers (3 hrs.)
ENG/LIN 313 Studies in Linguistics
ENG/LIN 315 Introduction to the English Language
ENG/LIN/MLA 318 Language Analysis (2-4 hrs.)
FRN 315 French Phonetics
LIN 310 Traditional Grammar
LIN 293 Variable Topics in Linguistics (2-4 hrs.)
LIN 490 Linguistic Internship (1-2 hrs.)
LIN 493 Special Topics in Linguistics (2-4 hrs.)
LIN 496 Independent Study in Linguistics (1-4 hrs.)
MLA 201 Words (3 hrs.)
PHL 377 Philosophy & Language
PSY 372 Memory & Cognition
SPH 229 Speech & Language Development (3 hrs.)
SPH 349 " " " for SPH majors (3 hrs.)
SPH 431 Basic Speech-Language Disorders
SPH 438 Dialect Differences in the Schools (2 hrs.)
SPN 293/393/493 Special Topics in Spanish (1-4 hrs.)
SPN 315 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
SPN 416 Studies in Spanish Linguistics (3 hrs.)
SPN 417 History of Spanish (3 hrs.)

Suggested Course Sequence for the 4-Year Linguistics Major (Students who enter as transfer students should see a Linguistics advisor ASAP to create a schedule that will fit with their graduation plan.)

Semester 1 – GenEd, including:

Intro to Language & Linguistics

Semester 2 – GenEd, including:

Language & Gender

Semester 3 – GenEd, including:

Language, Culture & Society

Semester 4 – GenEd courses plus:

Phonetics Languages In Contact

Semester 5

Phonology Linguistic Anthropology

Semester 6

Morphology & Syntax

Summer after Semester 6

Summer Field School in Research Methods

Semester 7

Language & Meaning

Semester 8

Studies in Linguistic

NB: Students with a special interest or career objective—e.g. in particular languages, Speech & Hearing, TESOL, etc.—are encouraged to consult an advisor about adding or substituting appropriate courses so as to craft a custom-tailored course sequence that still satisfies all program requirements.

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