

L i n g u i s t i c s

A linguist doesn't just learn languages but, even more importantly, how to analyze them.

What is it that makes languages tick? • What makes them the same? • What makes them different?

A student in Linguistics, with good guidance from faculty, builds a program with a specific emphasis, a program tailored to individual interests and goals.

Typical areas of approach include philology (the historical and structural study of languages), psycholinguistics, and language acquisition.

The major in Linguistics prepares students for a wide array of careers including education, law, publishing, speech pathology, government service, and computer science.

Major in Linguistics (10 courses)

SL 311 General Linguistics
SL 344 Syntax and Semantics
SL 367 Language and Language Types
2 courses on philological topics (see reverse)
5 additional courses drawn from departmental offerings

Minor in Linguistics (6 courses)

SL311 General Linguistics
SL344 Syntax & Semantics
2 courses on philological topics (see reverse)
2 courses on general linguistic topics

Linguistics majors should have proficiency in one foreign language and competence in at least one other language at a level appropriate to their career plans.

Some exposure to a non-Indo-European language is desirable (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew, Arabic--all of which are taught within the Department of Slavic & Eastern Languages).

Students who wish to pursue departmental honors register in their final semester for SL 401 AB Comprehensive: Linguistics.

Central courses

SL311 General Linguistics
SL325 Historical Linguistics
SL344 Syntax and Semantics
SL361 Psycholinguistics
SL362 Language in Society
SL367 Language and Language Types

Philology courses

SL104 Swedish Language Workshop
SL316 Old Church Slavonic
SL317 Old Russian
SL322 The Structure of Modern Russian
SL324 The History and Structure of Latin
SL327 Sanskrit
SL328 Classical Armenian
SL329 Early Slavic Linguistics and Texts
SL343 Old Irish
SL359 The Structure of Biblical Hebrew
SL384 Christian Latin
SL424 Studies in New Testament Greek

Topics courses

SL221 The Language of Liturgy
SL266 The Grammar of Numbers
SL278 English: The Languages
SL279 Language and Ethnicity
SL281 Linguistics and Communication
SL323 The Linguistic Structure of English
SL356 Classics in Linguistics
SL360 The Teaching of English as a Foreign Language
SL370 Anthropological Linguistics
SL376 Studies in Words
SL377 Linguistic Field Methods
SL378 Second-Language Acquisition

Some other courses we have offered from time to time:

SL202 The Structural Nature of Signs • SL206 Language, Society, and Communication • SL214 The Languages of Art
SL237 Sounds of Language and Music • SL238 The Language of Computing • SL269 Introduction to African Languages
SL277 Linguistic History & Structure of Welsh • SL283 Religious Poetry of the Eastern Church • SL312 The Indo-European Languages
SL313 Structural Poetics • SL314 Old Persian and Avestan • SL330 South Slavic • SL333 Introduction to the West Slavic Languages
SL334 Introduction to the South Slavic Languages • SL337 Comparative Slavic Linguistics • SL339 Semiotics and Structure
SL340 Linguistic Dialectology • SL351 Topics in Linguistic Theory • SL355 Linguistics and Computing
SL357 History and Structure of the Chinese Language • SL358 The Linguistic Structure of Japanese
SL369 Functional Linguistics and Literary Texts • SL371 Cognitive Science: Language
SL372 Cognitive Science: Perception and Action • SL373 Cognitive Science: Thinking • SL414 Tekstologija i paleografija

And for very advanced students:

SL388 Senior Honors Project • SL392 Advanced Tutorial: Linguistics • SL394 Advanced Tutorial: Slavic Linguistics
SL398 Advanced Independent Research • SL399 Scholar-of-the-College Project (Slavic/Eastern)
SL401 AB Comprehensive: Linguistics • SL792 Linguistics: Reading and Research • SL794 Slavic Linguistics: Reading and Research
SL821 Language-teaching practicum (Graduate)

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