Linguistics Minor (LINGUIST-MN)

The undergraduate program in linguistics permits a student to combine a broad spectrum of humanistic and scientific interests and to strengthen his/her analytic skills. The student is encouraged to explore with faculty the many relationships that linguistics has with other fields in order to discover the optimal program to meet his/her individual goals.

Each linguistics minor involves 5 linguistics courses (15 credit hours). If one of these courses is considered to be part of the student’s major, then the minor defaults to 12 credit hours. Each minor includes an introductory course, Linguist 2000. After this, students take one of Linguist 4100 Phonetics, 4200 Syntax, 4300 Phonology, or 4400 Linguistic Meaning. With the advisor’s permission, the student may substitute a corresponding 5000-level course. This leaves three additional courses to be chosen in consultation with the minor advisor.

At least 6 credit hours need to be at the 3000 level or above.

One Introductory Linguistics Course (3 credits)*
2000 Introduction to Language in the Humanities
2000H Introduction to Language in the Humanities

One Linguistics Core Courses (3 credits)*
4100 Phonetics
4200 Syntax
4300 Phonology
4400 Linguistic Meaning

Three Elective Linguistics Courses (3 credits each)*
Some suggested courses include:
2001 Language and Formal Reasoning
2051 Analyzing the Sounds of Language
2367.01 Language, Sex and Gender in American Culture
2367.01H Language, Sex and Gender in American Culture
2367.02 Language and Advertising
3501 Introduction to American Indigenous Languages
3601 Language, Race, and Ethnicity in the U.S.
3602 Language and Social Identity in the U.S.
3602H Language and Social Identity in the U.S.
3603 Language Across Cultures
3701 Language and the Mind
3701H Language and the Mind
3801 Codes and Codebreaking
3802 Language and Computers
3802H Language and Computers
3901 Language and Computers
**4100 Phonetics

**4200 Syntax
**4300 Phonology
**4400 Linguistic Meaning
4350 Morphology
4550 Introduction to Linguistic Field Methods
4597.01 Language Endangerment and Language Death
4597.02 Language and the Law
4601 Language and the Black Experience
4601S Language and the Black Experience

*5000-level courses may be used as part of the minor with permission from the linguistics advisor.
**Course cannot be used for both a linguistics core and linguistics elective requirement.

Linguistics minor program guidelines
The following guidelines govern this minor:

Required for graduation
No

Credit hours required
A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credits must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed
A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE
A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required
• Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
• No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits
No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval
The minor course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor

Filing the minor program form
The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor
Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor

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