Nothing characterizes the nature of humans more than the ability to use language. In linguistics, one studies languages; not to learn how to read, write, or speak them, but to understand how they work, how they change, how children learn them, and how they are used. Concern for the role of language in human life makes linguistics a humanistic discipline. However, since linguistics provides a systematic explanation of facts about language, it is also a science.

The undergraduate program in linguistics permits a student to combine a broad spectrum of humanistic and scientific interests and to strengthen his/her/their 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 the student’s individual goals.

Each linguistics minor involves 5 linguistics courses (15 credit hours). Up to 3 credit hours may overlap with the student’s major. Each minor includes an introductory course, LING 2000 or LING2000H. After this, students take one of LING 4100 Phonetics, 4200 Syntax, 4300 Phonology, 4350 Morphology, 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. Honors students must complete at least one elective at the 4000-level or above.

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

**One Introductory Linguistics Course (3 credits)**
- 2000  Introduction to Linguistics
- 2000H  Introduction to Linguistics

**One Linguistics Core Course (3 credits)**
- 4100  Phonetics
- 4200  Syntax
- 4300  Phonology
- 4350  Morphology
- 4400  Linguistic Meaning

**Nine Credits of Elective Linguistics Courses (3 credits each, except as noted)**

Some suggested courses include:
- 2001  Language and Formal Reasoning
- 2051  Analyzing the Sounds of Language
- 2051H  Analyzing the Sounds of Language
- 2501  Linguistics for Language Learning
- 3000  Writing for Linguistics
- 3191  Internship in Linguistics (1-3 credits)
- 3501  Introduction to American Indigenous Languages
- 3502  Klingon, Elvish, Dothraki: The Linguistics of Constructed Languages
- 3601  Language, Race, and Ethnicity in the U.S.
- 3603  Language Across Cultures
- 3605  Language and Social Justice
- 3606  Language, Gender, and Sexuality
- 3606H  Language, Gender and Sexuality
- 3701  Language and the Mind
- 3701H  Language and the Mind
- 3801  Codes and Codebreaking
- 3802  Language and Computers
- 3802H  Language and Computers
- 3803  Ethics of Language Technology
- 3901  Language Evolution and Language Change
- 3902  Language Endangerment and Language Death
- 4052  Linguistics and the Scientific Method
- 4100  Phonetics
- 4200  Syntax
- 4300  Phonology
- 4350  Morphology
- 4400  Linguistic Meaning
- 4602  Language and Belonging in the U.S. (4 credits)

*5000-level courses may be used as part of the minor with permission from the linguistics advisor.

**Linguistics minor program guidelines**

- 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. **Honors students must complete at least one elective at the 4000-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 GPA for all minor course work.
- 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 advisor.

**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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