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 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). 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, LING 2000. 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.

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
- 4350 Morphology
- 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
- 2051H 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
- 3502 Klingon, Elvish, Dothraki: The Linguistics of Constructed 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

**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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