



Twin Cities Campus

Linguistics B.A.

Linguistics, Institute of
College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 34
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Linguistics is the scientific study of human language. Courses explore the principles governing the structure of natural languages, how languages are acquired by children and adults, the role of language in human cognition and social interaction, and how languages change over time.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of any second language.

CLA BA degrees require 18 upper-division (3xxx-level or higher) credits outside the major designator. These credits must be taken in designators different from the major designator and cannot include courses that are cross-listed with the major designator. The major designator for the Linguistics BA is LING.

At least 15 upper-division credits in the major must be taken at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus.

Students may earn a BA or a minor in linguistics, but not both.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the First-Year Experience course sequence.

All students must complete a capstone in at least one CLA major. The requirements for double majors completing the capstone in a different CLA major will be clearly stated. Students must also complete all major requirements in both majors to allow the additional capstone to be waived. Students completing an additional degree must complete the Capstone in each degree area.

Foundation Course

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 4 credit(s) from the following:

- [LING 3001](#) - Introduction to Linguistics [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
- [LING 3001H](#) - Honors: Introduction to Linguistics [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
- [LING 5001](#) - Introduction to Linguistics (4.0 cr)

Core Courses

Take exactly 4 course(s) totaling exactly 12 credit(s) from the following:

Syntax

Honors students may take LING 5201 in place of 4201.

- [LING 4201](#) - Syntax I (3.0 cr)
- or [LING 5201](#) - Syntactic Theory I (3.0 cr)

Phonology

Honors students may take LING 5302 in place of 4302W.

- [LING 4302W](#) - Phonology I [WI] (3.0 cr)



or [LING 5302](#) - Phonological Theory I (3.0 cr)

•**Semantics**

•[LING 5205](#) - Semantics (3.0 cr)

•**Syntax II or Phonology II**

Honors students may take LING 5202 or 5303 in place of 4202/4303.

•[LING 4202](#) - Syntax II (3.0 cr)

or [LING 5202](#) - Syntactic Theory II (3.0 cr)

or [LING 4303](#) - Phonology II (3.0 cr)

or [LING 5303](#) - Phonological Theory II (3.0 cr)

Electives

Take 15 or more credit(s) from the following:

Linguistics Courses

Take 11 - 15 credit(s) from the following:

Lower-division

Take 0 - 4 credit(s) from the following:

•[LING 1701](#) - Language and Society [DSJ] (4.0 cr)

•[LING 1705W](#) - World Englishes: The Linguistics of English-based varieties around the globe [SOCS, GP, WI] (4.0 cr)

•[LING 1800](#) - Topics in Linguistics (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

•LING 19xx- Freshman Seminar

•**Upper-division**

Take 11 - 15 credit(s) from the following:

•[LING 3093](#) - Directed Studies for Honors Thesis (3.0 cr)

•[LING 3101W](#) - Languages of the World [WI] (3.0 cr)

•[LING 3900](#) - Topics in Linguistics (3.0 cr)

•[LING 5105](#) - Field Methods in Linguistics I (4.0 cr)

•[LING 5106](#) - Field Methods in Linguistics II (4.0 cr)

•[LING 5206](#) - Linguistic Pragmatics (3.0 cr)

•[LING 5207](#) - Advanced Semantics (3.0 cr)

•[LING 5461](#) - Conversation Analysis (3.0 cr)

•[LING 5462](#) - Field Research in Spoken Language (3.0 cr)

•[LING 5801](#) - Introduction to Computational Linguistics (3.0 cr)

•[LING 5900](#) - Topics in Linguistics (3.0 cr)

•[LING 5993](#) - Directed Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)

•[LING 3601](#) - Historical Linguistics (3.0 cr)

or [LING 5601](#) - Historical Linguistics (3.0 cr)

•[LING 4202](#) - Syntax II (3.0 cr)

or [LING 5202](#) - Syntactic Theory II (3.0 cr)

•[LING 4303](#) - Phonology II (3.0 cr)

or [LING 5303](#) - Phonological Theory II (3.0 cr)

•**Other Electives**

As many as 6 credits from an allied discipline can count towards the Elective Requirement. This list is not exhaustive, courses not listed below must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies.

Take 0 - 6 credit(s) from the following:

•[ANTH 3005W](#) - Language, Culture, and Power [SOCS, DSJ, WI] (4.0 cr)

•[ANTH 4035](#) - Ethnographic Research Methods (3.0 cr)

•[CPSY 4345](#) - Language Development and Communication (3.0 cr)

•[FREN 3500](#) - Linguistic Analysis of French (3.0 cr)

•FREN 3521 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

•FREN 3541 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

•[GCC 3036](#) - Seeking Connection through Decolonization: The Power of Indigenous Lands and Languages [DSJ] (3.0 cr)

•[GER 5711](#) - History of the German Language I (3.0 cr)

•GER 5712 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)

•PHIL 3231 *{Inactive}* (4.0 cr)

•[PHIL 5201](#) - Symbolic Logic I (4.0 cr)

•[PHIL 5202](#) - Symbolic Logic II (4.0 cr)

•[PHIL 5211](#) - Modal Logic (4.0 cr)

•[PSY 5054](#) - Psychology of Language (3.0 cr)

•[SLHS 3303](#) - Language Acquisition and Science (3.0 cr)

•[SLHS 3304](#) - Phonetics (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3701](#) - Structure of Spanish: Phonology and Phonetics (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3702](#) - Structure of Spanish: Morphology and Syntax (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3703](#) - Origins and History of Spanish and Portuguese (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 3730](#) - Topics in Hispanic Linguistics (3.0 cr)

•[SPAN 5701](#) - History of Ibero-Romance (3.0 cr)

•SPAN 5711 *{Inactive}* (3.0 cr)



- [SPAN 5714](#) - Theoretical Foundations of Spanish Syntax (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 5715](#) ~~(Inactive)~~ (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 5716](#) - Structure of Modern Spanish: Pragmatics (3.0 cr)
- [SPAN 5930](#) - Topics in Ibero-Romance Linguistics (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3015W](#) - Biology, Evolution, and Cultural Development of Language & Music [SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ANTH 5015W](#) - Biology, Evolution, and Cultural Development of Language & Music [SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [FREN 3531](#) ~~(Inactive)~~ [GP] (3.0 cr)
or [FREN 5531](#) - Sociolinguistics of French (3.0 cr)
- [GRK 5705](#) - Introduction to the Historical-Comparative Grammar of Greek and Latin (3.0 cr)
or [LAT 5705](#) ~~(Inactive)~~ (3.0 cr)
- [PHIL 4231](#) - Philosophy of Language (3.0 cr)
or [PHIL 5231](#) - Philosophy of Language (3.0 cr)

Capstone

The capstone in Linguistics consists of a 15-25 page research paper. Students typically expand and revise work done in a previous course. The previous work could be a term paper, squib, group project, or in some cases an oral presentation. The topic should be approved by the course instructor before registration for the seminar. Students taking LING 4901W must complete the course with at least an S grade.

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:

Students who double major and choose to complete the capstone requirement in their other major may waive the Linguistics BA capstone, and they do not need to replace the 3 credits.

•Capstone Seminar

- [LING 4901W](#) - Capstone Seminar in Linguistics [WI] (3.0 cr)

•Honors Thesis

Students seeking honors in Linguistics should take LING 3052V to fulfill the Linguistics capstone. Note: LING 3051H is a prerequisite for LING 3052V. LING 3051H counts towards the elective requirement.

- [LING 3052V](#) - Honors: Thesis [WI] (3.0 cr)

Upper Division Writing Intensive within the major

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:

- [ANTH 3005W](#) - Language, Culture, and Power [SOCS, DSJ, WI] (4.0 cr)
- [LING 3052V](#) - Honors: Thesis [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [LING 3101W](#) - Languages of the World [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [LING 4302W](#) - Phonology I [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [LING 4901W](#) - Capstone Seminar in Linguistics [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [ANTH 3015W](#) - Biology, Evolution, and Cultural Development of Language & Music [SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)
or [ANTH 5015W](#) - Biology, Evolution, and Cultural Development of Language & Music [SOCS, WI] (3.0 cr)