



Twin Cities Campus

Linguistics Minor

Linguistics, Institute of
College of Liberal Arts

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

Contact Information:

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- Program Type: Graduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2022
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 10
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 16
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Linguistics is the scientific study of human language. Investigation in phonology, syntax, and semantics/pragmatics seeks to determine general principles governing the structure and use of human language and the parameters that determine degree and manner of variation across languages. These core areas constitute the foundation for other subfields of linguistics, including psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, computational linguistics, and neurolinguistics.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Prerequisites for Admission

Special Application Requirements:

Students interested in the minor are strongly encouraged to confer with their major field advisor and director of graduate studies, and the Linguistics director of graduate studies regarding feasibility and requirements.

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

The minimum cumulative GPA for minor field coursework is 2.80 for master's students and 3.00 for doctoral students.

Required Coursework (7 to 10 credits)

Masters students take LING 5001 plus either LING 5201 or LING 5302, in consultation with the Linguistics director of graduate studies, for a total of 7 credits. Doctoral students take all of the following courses for 10 credits.

[LING 5001](#) - Introduction to Linguistics (4.0 cr)

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

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

Electives (3 to 6 credits)

Masters students select 3 credits, and doctoral students select 6 credits from the following in consultation with the Linguistics director of graduate studies. Master's students who take both LING 5201 and LING 5302 may count one of the courses as an elective with director of graduate studies approval.

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

[LING 5205](#) - Semantics (3.0 cr)

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

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

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

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



LING 5601 - Historical Linguistics (3.0 cr)
LING 5801 - Introduction to Computational Linguistics (3.0 cr)
LING 5993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
LING 8005 - Research Paper Workshop (3.0 cr)
LING 8105 - Field Methods in Linguistics I (4.0 cr)
LING 8106 - Field Methods in Linguistics II (4.0 cr)
LING 8200 - Topics in Syntax and Semantics (3.0 cr)
LING 8210 - Seminar in Syntax (3.0 cr)
LING 8300 - Topics in Phonetics and Phonology (3.0 cr)
LING 8500 - Topics in Second Language Acquisition (3.0 cr)
LING 8900 - Seminar: Topics in Linguistics (3.0 cr)
LING 8921 - Seminar in Language and Cognition (3.0 cr)
LING 8991 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.
Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

Masters

Doctoral