Twin Cities Campus

Linguistics B.A.

Linguistics, Institute of
College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2017
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 34 to 37
- 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 4 semesters or the equivalent of a second language.

CLA degrees require students to complete 48 credits of upper division coursework taken at the 3xxx, 4xxx, or 5xxx level. For a BA at least 18 of the 48 upper division credits must be outside of the major. For some specific majors, there are exceptions to this requirement.

This program requires 18 upper division credits outside the major. See your advisor for a list of courses that can or cannot be used to meet this requirement.

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.

Major Courses

Take 5 of the following courses for a total of 16 credits.
LING 3001 - Introduction to Linguistics [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
or LING 3001H - Honors: Introduction to Linguistics [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
or LING 5001 - Introduction to Linguistics (4.0 cr)
LING 4201 - Syntax I (3.0 cr)
or LING 5201 - Honors students may take LING 5201 in place of 4201.
LING 4302W - Phonology I [WI] (3.0 cr)
or LING 5302 - Honors students may take LING 5302 in place of 4302W.
LING 5205 - Semantics (3.0 cr)
LING 4202 - Syntax II (3.0 cr)
or LING 5202 - Honors students may take LING 5202 in place of 4202.
or LING 4303 - Phonology II (3.0 cr)
or LING 5303 - Honors students may take LING 5203 in place of 4203.

Electives

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No more than 4 credits of LING 1xxx will count. Up to 6 elective credits may be taken in an allied discipline, if approved by the director of undergraduate studies.
Take 15 or more credit(s) from the following:
•LING 1xxx
•LING 2xxx
•LING 3xxx
•LING 4xxx
•LING 5xxx

Senior Project

Take 1-2 courses for a total of 3-6 credits. Students taking LING 4901W must complete the course with at least an S grade. Students seeking honors in Linguistics should take LING 3051H and 3052V for a total of 6 credits.
The usual requirement for this course is the revision and expansion of a paper written for another linguistics course, but it may involve an original research paper. Students complete this paper in a seminar offered each spring semester. The topic should be approved by the course instructor before registration for the seminar.
LING 4901W - Capstone Seminar in Linguistics [WI] (3.0 cr)
or LING 3093 - Directed Studies for Honors Thesis (3.0 cr)
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:
•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)

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