

Linguistics Minor

Linguistics is the scientific study of human language. Linguists apply scientific methodology to language with the goal of understanding how human language works – cognitively, biologically, physically, and socially. Even though linguists are scientists of language, language is ultimately a social tool. The linguistics minor bridges the social and cultural aspects of linguistics with the more structural, systematic aspects of the study. Students from a wide variety of majors take linguistics to complement their field of study.

Minor requirements

(All colleges)

18-19 credits

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		6
ENG 331 or ENG 332	Introduction to Linguistics: Sounds and Words Introduction to Linguistics: Phrases and Sentences	3-4
ANT 196	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	
Language ^{1,2}		
Select one of the following:		
CHI 102	Chinese in a Global Society II	3
CHI 201	Chinese Language and Culture in Action I	
CHI 202	Chinese Language and Culture in Action II	
FRE 102	French in a Global Society II	
FRE 201	French Language and Cultures in Action I	
FRE 202	French Language and Cultures in Action II	
GCL 102	Elementary Languages II	
GCL 201	Intermediate Languages I	
GCL 202	Intermediate Languages II	
GER 102	German in a Global Society II	
GER 201	German Language and Cultures in Action I	
GER 202	German Language and Cultures in Action II	
HMG 204	Hmong Heritage Language: Intermediate	
RUS 102	Russian in a Global Society II	
RUS 201	Russian Language and Cultures in Action I	
RUS 202	Russian Language and Cultures in Action II	
SPA 102	Spanish in a Global Society II	
SPA 103	Spanish in a Global Society I & II	
SPA 201	Spanish Language and Cultures in Action I	
SPA 202	Spanish Language and Cultures in Action II	
Linguistic structure		3
Select one of the following:		
ENG 330	History of the English Language	3
ENG 331	Introduction to Linguistics: Sounds and Words	
ENG 332	Introduction to Linguistics: Phrases and Sentences	
FRE 301	Sound, Speech, and Proficiency	
GER 330	German Conversation and Phonetics	
SPA 381	The Sounds of Spanish	
SPA 443	Studies in Hispanic Linguistics	
Sociolinguistics/Linguistic anthropology		
Select one of the following:		
ANT 358	Language Policy and Activism in Europe	

ANT 375	Language, Power, and Inequality
CST 332	Intercultural Communication
CST 334	Gender Communication
CST 337	Communication and Race
ENG 334	Language Study for Teachers
ENG 336	Varieties of English
SPA 380	Spanish Language in Contexts
Elective ²	
Select at least one of the following:	
ANT 358	Language Policy and Activism in Europe
ANT 375	Language, Power, and Inequality
ARC/HIS 302	Egyptian Hieroglyphs: The Language and Culture of Ancient Egypt
ARC/HIS 368	History of Babylonian Language and Culture I
ARC/HIS 369	History of Babylonian Language and Culture II
CST 332	Intercultural Communication
CST 334	Gender Communication
ENG 330	History of the English Language
ENG 331	Introduction to Linguistics: Sounds and Words
ENG 332	Introduction to Linguistics: Phrases and Sentences
ENG 334	Language Study for Teachers
ENG 336	Varieties of English
ENG 339	Topics in Linguistics
FRE 301	Sound, Speech, and Proficiency
GCL 310	Theories and Research in Second Language Acquisition
GER 330	German Conversation and Phonetics
PSY 436	Psychology of Language
SPA 380	Spanish Language in Contexts
SPA 381	The Sounds of Spanish
SPA 443	Studies in Hispanic Linguistics
SPE 207	American Sign Language and Deaf Culture I
SPE 214	American Sign Language and Deaf Culture II
Total Credits	

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¹ All courses in this category will also satisfy general education requirements.

² Students who are able to demonstrate proficiency in a second language may choose to take a second elective in lieu of the language requirement. Second language proficiency may be demonstrated by one of the following:

- Advanced Placement (AP) world language and culture score of 3 or higher;
- Placement into a 201 level or higher world language course at UWL;
- **For non-native speakers of English:** A score of 70 or higher on the La Crosse Battery;
- **For heritage language speakers:** Consultation with the administrator of the linguistics minor.

Additional requirements/restrictions:

- Courses listed in more than one category may be counted only once.
- At least 12 credits must be in courses at or above the 300-level.
- A maximum of six credits are allowed to overlap between general education requirements and the minor.

- Some departments limit the number of credits that their majors or minors may apply to the linguistics minor.
 - **Archaeology/Anthropology majors/minors** may apply a maximum of three credits toward both an archaeology/anthropology major/minor and the linguistics minor.
 - **Communication Studies majors/minors** may apply a maximum of three credits toward both a communication studies major/minor and the linguistics minor.
 - **English majors/minors** may apply a maximum of three credits toward both an English major/minor and the linguistics minor.
 - **Global Cultures and Languages majors/minors** may apply a maximum of three credits toward both a Global Cultures and Languages major/minor and the linguistics minor.
 - **History majors/minors** may apply a maximum of three credits toward both a history major/minor and the linguistics minor.
 - **Psychology majors/minors** may apply a maximum of three credits toward both a psychology major/minor and the linguistics minor.
 - **Teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) minors or education and TESOL dual majors** (elementary/middle education and TESOL; Spanish education and TESOL; French education and TESOL) may apply a maximum of six credits toward both a TESOL major/minor and the linguistics minor: three credits in ENG 331 plus three additional credits.