B.A. in Linguistics

1. General education courses  51 units

General education courses can count toward a major or minor. For linguistics, the following courses are possible:

LING 102  Languages of the World (3) counts in the Introduction to the Social Sciences GE section
LING 106  Language and Linguistics (3) counts in the Introduction to the Humanities GE section. It is also a prerequisite for the certificate in teaching English as a second language.

2. Required courses in linguistics  15 units

LING 351  Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics and Phonology (3)
LING 406  Descriptive Linguistics (3)
LING 408  Syntax (3)
LING 412  Sociolinguistics (3)
LING 430  Historical Linguistics (3)

3. Elective courses  18 units (minimum 6 in linguistics proper)

All 300- or 400-numbered LING courses (other than the required courses) count as electives, as do certain courses offered by other departments.

- **Possibility 1:** The student can focus on linguistics proper by choosing all or most electives from within LING. Example courses: LING 305  The English Language in America (3), LING 413  Child Language (3), LING 414  English As A Global Language (3), LING 417  Psycholinguistics (3), LING 442  Changing Words (3), LING 469  Language and Gender (3), LING 492  Field Methods in Linguistics (3), etc.

- **Possibility 2:** The student can choose to focus on a particular language by taking up to 4 courses in a language. Example courses from Spanish: At least 2 LING electives plus SPAN 315  Introduction to Spanish Civilization (3), SPAN 466  Spanish Phonology and Dialectology (3), SPAN 467  Spanish Morphology and Syntax (3), SPAN 468  Spanish/English Bilingualism and Language Contact, etc.

- **Possibility 3:** The student can focus on English by taking up to 4 ENGL courses. ENGL 303  The Structure of Modern English (3), ENGL 305  The English Language in America (3), ENGL 410  Language and Power in African American Culture (3), and ENGL 442  Changing Words (3) are approved for this purpose. The linguistics
undergraduate adviser can be consulted if the student would like to include other ENGL courses.

- **Possibility 4**: The student can include up to 4 approved linguistics-related elective courses from various departments that the student is interested in, such as ENG 303 *The Structure of Modern English* (3), FREN 315 *Origins of Modern France* (3), PHIL 375 *First Course in Symbolic Logic* (3), PSYC 415 *Cognitive Processes* (3), etc.

4. **Foreign language requirement** 12-20 units

4 semesters of a language or 2 semesters each of two languages. The undergraduate adviser can waive this requirement if you are fluent in a language in addition to English.

5. **Free units** 16-24 units

You can use these units for different purposes:

a. To take any courses you find interesting but that do not fit anywhere else in your study plan, whether economics or tennis.

b. For a minor or second major.

c. For a certificate, such as the certificate in TESOL.

d. To take pre-law courses. (Consult with an adviser in political science.)

e. To obtain a teaching credential.

**Additional Information:**

Students must consult with an adviser in linguistics before establishing their individual programs of study.