

# 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.