

# Linguistics Major and Minor

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The Department of Linguistics department is known internationally for its strength in the areas of second language acquisition, applied linguistics, TESOL, and American Indian languages. Like many linguistics programs in the United States, the department is centrally concerned with core areas of linguistic theory. It also emphasizes the importance of the applied and descriptive endeavors. The areas of expertise of the faculty are theoretical and descriptive linguistics, Hispanic linguistics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, and second language acquisition. The department prides itself on its collegial atmosphere and close cooperation between faculty and students.

A major in linguistics gives students a solid foundation in the central areas of linguistic theory and analysis. The structure of human language (its sounds, word structures, and syntax)

**Satisfactory/No Credit option**

No more than two LING courses that count toward the major can be taken on an S/NC basis.

**Writing (W) requirement**

Students must complete at least one W-course in the major.

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**Checklist for the Linguistics major**