

Quarter Advising Sheet

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN LINGUISTICS Quarter Advising Sheet

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Nothing characterizes the nature of humans more than the ability to use language. In linguistics, one studies languages; not to learn how to read, write, or speak them, but to understand how they work, how they change, how children learn them, and how they are used. Concern for the role of language in human life makes linguistics a humanistic discipline. However, since linguistics is concerned with the systematic explanation of facts about language, it is also a science.

The undergraduate program in linguistics permits a student to combine a broad spectrum of humanistic and scientific interests and to strengthen his/her analytic skills. The student is encouraged to explore with faculty the many relationships that linguistics has with other fields in order to discover the optimal program to meet his/her individual goals.

The Linguistics Major

There are two tracks in this major: **Track A and Track B**. Students are advised to complete one of these based on their academic goals and interests. These are not transcriptable. Each track will lead to a BA in Linguistics. Track A is designed to give students familiarity with a broad range of subject areas in linguistics. Track B is particularly appropriate for students planning to go on to graduate school. As a means of promoting a deeper understanding of linguistics, Track B requires a sequence of two (typically) upper level courses in one subject area. In addition to these two tracks, undergraduates have the option of working with the undergraduate advisor to design a variant tailored to their particular interests.

The Linguistics Major requires successful completion (with a grade of C- or higher) of 45 credit hours for Track A and 50 credit hours for Track B.

The Bachelor of Arts degree requires completion of a minimum of 60 credit hours of upper division courses.

TRACK A (at least 45 hours, excluding prerequisites)

a. Prerequisite Course Work (10 hours)

- i. Introductory course in linguistics:**
LING 201 or LING 201H or 601

(5 hours)

ii. Language requirement -- to be satisfied before or while completing the BA requirements. (This requirement does not need to be satisfied before declaring the major.)
One of the following: **(5 hours)**

Advanced foreign language beyond the GEC requirement
Field Methods: LING 550 or 650.01

b. Major Core Courses 25 hours

i. Required (may be taken in any order):

Phonetics: LING 500
Syntax: LING 502
Phonology: LING 503

ii. Two courses from two areas in the following list:

Historical Linguistics: LING 301 or LING 611
Sociolinguistics: LING 372 or LING 372H or LING 375 or LING 661.01
Psycholinguistics: LING 371 or LING 371H or LING 615
Field Methods: LING 550 or LING 650.01 (may be used concurrently to satisfy the language prerequisite)

c. Major Elective Courses 20 hours

Students following Track A in linguistics must take at least 20 hours of any linguistics course not used to fill a requirement in a.i, b.i, or b.ii. These should be chosen in consultation with their major adviser. Elective courses will often complement an area of secondary interest for the student (often a minor or second major). A complete listing and description of linguistics courses can be found at: <http://linguistics.osu.edu/courses>.

Some suggested linguistics courses for undergraduate majors

Analyzing the Sounds of Language: 286, 286H
Codes and Code-Breaking 484
Cognitive Science: 612
Computational Ling: 684.01, 684.02
Field Methods: 550, 650.01, 650.02
Historical Linguistics: 611
Independent Study: 693 (see advisor for details)
Introduction to American Indigenous Languages: 307
Language & Formal Reasoning: 280
Language & the Black Experience: 505
Language and Advertising: 367.02
Language and Computers: 384, 384H
Language and Law: A cross-cultural perspective: 597.02
Language and the Mind: 371, 371H
Language Endangerment and Language Death: 597.01

Language Evolution and Language Change: 301
Language, Race & Ethnicity in the U.S.: 303
Language, Sex and Gender in American Culture: 367.01, 367.01H
Languages across Cultures: 375
Languages and Social Identity in the U.S.: 372 and H372
Morphology: 509 or 609
Phonetics: 600.01, 600.02
Phonology: 603.01, 603.02
Psycholinguistics: 371, 371H, 615
Research Internship: 489
Semantics: 680, 683.01, 683.02
Sociolinguistics: 661.01, 685
Syntax: 602.01, 602.02
Undergraduate Research in Linguistics 699
Words and Meaning: 383

Some possible configurations of elective courses keyed to related areas

Anthropological linguistics: 367.01, 372 or 375, 550 or 650.01, 661.01

Computer and Information Science: 612, 680, 684.01, 684.02

Computational linguistics: 684.01, 684.02

Education: 372, 371, 615

Electrical Engineering: 500, 600.01, 600.02; or 680, 684.01, 682.02

Foreign Language: A two-quarter sequence at the 600 level in phonetics, syntax, or phonology

Philosophy: 612, 680, 683.01, 683.02

Political Science: 367.01, 372 or 375, 661.01

Psychology: 371, 612, 615

Sociology: 367.01, 372 or 375, 661.01

Speech and Hearing Science: 371, 600.01, 600.02, 615

Women's Studies: 367.01, 372 or 375, 661.01, 661.02

TRACK B (at least 50 hours, excluding prerequisites)

a. Prerequisite Course Work (15 hours)

i. Introductory course in linguistics:

(5 hours)

LING 201 or LING 201H or LING 601

ii. Language requirement -- to be satisfied before or while completing the BA requirements. (This requirement does not need to be satisfied before declaring the major.)

One of the following:

(5 hours)

Advanced foreign language beyond the GEC requirement

Field Methods LING 550 or LING 650.01

iii. Analytic prerequisite (one of the following):

(5 hours)

LING 280 or LING 286 or LING 680

Philosophy 250

Mathematics 366

Statistics 135 or 145

Psychology 219

b. Major Core Courses

25 hours

i. Required (may be taken in any order):

Phonetics: LING 500

Syntax: LING 502

Phonology: LING 503

ii. Two courses from two areas in the following list:

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Sociolinguistics: LING 372 or 372H or LING 375 or LING 661.01

Psycholinguistics: LING 371 or 371H or LING 615

Field Methods: LING 550 or LING 650.01 (may be used concurrently)

to satisfy the language prerequisite)

c. LING 699 Undergraduate Research Seminar in Linguistics

5 hours

- d. One Two-course Sequence**, from among the following (or some other sequence approved by the linguistics undergraduate advisor). Courses used to satisfy other requirements of the major may not be used as part of the sequence requirement. **10 hours**

Computational Linguistics: LING 684.01, LING 684.0

Sociolinguistics: LING 661.01, LING 661.02

Field Methods: LING 550, LING 650.01

Historical linguistics: LING 301, LING 611

Phonetics: LING 600.01, LING 600.02

Phonology: LING 603.01, LING 603.02

Psycholinguistics: LING 371, LING 371H, LING 615

Semantics: LING 683.01, LING 683.02

Syntax: LING 602.01, LING 602.02

e. Major Elective Courses

10-15 hours

Students following Track B in linguistics must take at least 10-15 hours of any linguistics course not used to fill a requirement in b.i, b.ii, c, or d. These should be chosen in consultation with their major adviser. These courses may be at any level. A complete listing and description of linguistics courses can be found at: <http://linguistics.osu.edu/courses>. Total elective linguistic credit hours required will depend upon the two-course sequence selected (see above).

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