

Semester Advising Sheet

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR IN LINGUISTICS

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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 programs. 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 interested in research who plan 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 30 credit hours for Track A and 33 credit hours for Track B.

TRACK A

At least 30 credit hours, excluding prerequisites will lead to a BA in Linguistics.

a. Prerequisite Course Work (6 credits)

i. Introductory course in linguistics:

LING 2000 or LING 2000H

3 credits

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:

3 credits

Advanced foreign language beyond the GE requirement (2000 level or above; taught in the foreign language)

Field Methods: LING 4550 or LING 5551

b. Major Core Courses**18 credits****i. Core Courses. Four required courses**

Introduction to Linguistics: LING 4000

Followed by each of the following. These may be taken in any order:

Phonetics: LING 4100

Syntax: LING 4200

Phonology: LING 4300

ii. Elective Core Courses. Two courses in two distinct areas from the following list:

Historical Linguistics: LING 3901 or 5901

Sociolinguistics: LING 3602 or LING 3602H or LING 3603 or LING 5601

Psycholinguistics: LING 3701 or LING 3701H or LING 5701

Field Methods: LING 4550 or 5551 (may be used concurrently to satisfy the language prerequisite)

Semantics: LING 4400 Semantics

c. Major Elective Courses**12 credits**

Students following Track A in linguistics must take at least 12 hours of any linguistics course at the 2000 level or above 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 majorsAnalyzing Sounds of Language: 2051,
2051H

Codes and Code-Breaking: 3801

Cognitive Science: 5612

Computational Ling: 5801, 5802, 5803

Field Methods: 4550, 5551

Historical Linguistics: 5901

Independent Study: 4193

Introduction to American Indigenous
Languages: 3501

Language & Formal Reasoning: 2001

Language & the Black Experience:
4601, 4602

Language and Advertising: 2367.02

Language and Computers: 3802, 3802H

Language and Law: A cross-cultural
perspective: 4597.02

Language and the Mind: 3701, 3701H

Language Endangerment and Language
Death: 4597.01Language Evolution and Language Change:
3901Language, Race & Ethnicity in the U.S.:
3601Language, Sex and Gender in American
Culture: 2367.01, 2367.01H

Languages across Cultures: 3603

Languages and Social Identity in the U.S.:
3602, 3602H

Morphology: 4350, 5351

Phonetics: 5101, 5102

Phonology: 5301, 5302

Psycholinguistics: 3701, 3701H, 5701

Research Internship in Linguistics: 3191

Semantics: 4400, 5401, 5402

Sociolinguistics: 5601, 5602

Syntax: 5201, 5202

Undergraduate Research in Linguistics:
4780

Words and Meaning: 3401

Some possible configurations of elective courses keyed to related areas

Anthropological linguistics: 2367.01, 3602 or 3603, 4550, 5601

Computer and Information Science: 5612, 5001, 5801, 5802

Computational linguistics: 5801, 5802, 5803

Education: 3602, 3701, 5701

Electrical Engineering: 4000, 5101, 5102; or 5001, 5801, 5802

Foreign Language: A two-quarter sequence at the 5000 level in phonetics, syntax, or phonology

Philosophy: 4400, 5612, 5001, 5401, 5402

Political Science: 2367.01, 3602 or 3603, 5601

Psychology: 3701, 5612, 5701

Sociology: 2367.01, 3602 or 3602, 5601

Speech and Hearing Science: 3701, 5101, 5102, 5701

Women's Studies: 2367.01, 3602 or 3602, 5601, 5602

TRACK B

At least 33 credit hours, excluding prerequisites will lead to a BA in Linguistics.

a. Prerequisite Course Work (9 credits)

i. Introductory course in linguistics:

3 credits

LING 2000 or LING 2000H

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:

3 credits

Advanced foreign language beyond the GE requirement (2000 level or above; taught in the foreign language)
Field Methods LING 4550 or LING 5551

iii. Analytic prerequisite -- 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:

3 credits

LING 2001 or LING 2051 or LING 5001
Philosophy 2500
Mathematics 366 (Semester TBA)
Statistics 135 or 145 (Semester TBA)
Psychology 2220

b. Major Core Courses

18 credits

i. Core Courses. Four required courses

Introduction to Linguistics: LING 4000

Followed by each of the following. These may be taken in any order:

Phonetics: LING 4100
Syntax: LING 4200
Phonology: LING 4300

ii. Elective Core Courses. Two courses in two distinct areas from the following list:

Historical Linguistics: LING 3901 or 5901
Sociolinguistics: LING 3602 or LING 3602H or LING 3603 or LING 5601
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Field Methods: LING 4550 or 5551 (may be used concurrently to satisfy the language prerequisite)
Semantics: LING 4400 Semantics

c. LING 4780 Undergraduate Research Seminar in Linguistics

3 credits

d. One Two-course Sequence**6 credits**

Choose 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.

Computational Linguistics: LING 5801, LING 5802
Sociolinguistics: LING 5601, LING 5602
Field Methods: LING 4550, LING 5551
Historical linguistics: LING 3901, LING 5901
Phonetics: LING 5101, LING 5102
Phonology: LING 5301, LING 5302
Psycholinguistics: LING 3701 or LING 3701H and LING 5701
Semantics: LING 4400, LING 5401, LING 5402
Syntax: LING 5201, LING 5202

e. Major Elective Courses**6 credits**

Students following Track B in linguistics must take at least 6 hours of any linguistics course at the 2000 level or above 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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Analyzing Sounds of Language: 2051, 2051H	Language Evolution and Language Change: 3901
Codes and Code-Breaking: 3801	Language, Race & Ethnicity in the U.S.: 3601
Cognitive Science: 5612	Language, Sex and Gender in American Culture: 2367.01, 2367.01H
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Field Methods: 4550, 5551	Languages and Social Identity in the U.S.: 3602, 3602H
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Independent Study: 4193	Phonetics: 5101, 5102
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Language & Formal Reasoning: 2001	Psycholinguistics: 3701, 3701H, 5701
Language & the Black Experience: 4601, 4602	Research Internship in Linguistics: 3191
Language and Advertising: 2367.02	Semantics: 4400, 5401, 5402
Language and Computers: 3802, 3802H	Sociolinguistics: 5601, 5602
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Psychology: 3701, 5612, 5701

Sociology: 2367.01, 3602 or 3602, 5601

Speech and Hearing Science: 3701, 5101, 5102, 5701

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Curriculum Sample: Quarters and Semesters

Students declaring a Linguistics Major in Autumn 2011: This is a sample list of classes a student may take to pursue a degree in Linguistics. These include linguistics courses, foreign language courses, General Education (GE) courses, and electives. This sample represents one of several possible paths to a degree in Linguistics.

Students who have declared a linguistics major in the quarter system are required to take 9 linguistics major courses.

(2011) Freshman Year:	Credits
Introductory Linguistics course	5
Elective	2
GE (Foreign Language)	15
GE Courses	25
Arts & Humanities Survey	1
Freshman Seminar	1
Total Quarter Credits	49

(2012) Sophomore Year:	
1-Linguistics Core courses	3
1-Linguistics Elective course	3
Electives	12
GE (Foreign Language)	4
GE Courses	9
Total Semester Credits	31

(2013) Junior Year:	
2-Linguistics Core courses	6
1-Linguistics Core Elective course	3
1-Linguistics Elective course	3
Electives	7
GE Courses	12
Total Semester Credits	31

(2014) Senior Year:	
1-Linguistics Core Elective course	3
2-Linguistics Elective courses	6
Electives	9
GE Courses	12
Total Semester Credits	30

TOTAL **49 quarter credits & 92 semester credits**

Curriculum Sample: Semesters

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Students are required to complete 10 linguistics major courses.

(2012) Freshman Year:

Introductory Linguistics course	3
Elective	2
GE (Foreign Language)	8
GE Courses	15
Arts & Humanities Survey	1
Freshman Seminar	1
Total Semester Credits	30

(2013) Sophomore Year:

2-Linguistics Core courses	6
1-Linguistics Elective course	3
Electives	9
GE (Foreign Language)	4
GE Courses	9
Total Semester Credits	31

(2014) Junior Year:

2-Linguistics Core course	6
1-Linguistics Core Elective course	3
1-Linguistics Elective course	3
Electives	7
GE Courses	12
Total Semester Credits	31

(2015) Senior Year:

1-Linguistics Core Elective course	3
2-Linguistics Elective courses	6
Electives	9
GE Courses	12
Total Semester Credits	30

TOTAL	122 semester credits
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