

BA in Linguistics

Degree Program Description

The study of linguistics offers students a liberal education and a window into the fascinating human linguistic capacity. Students can obtain a BA in linguistics, and many students double-major in linguistics and another field. The BA prepares students for graduate study in linguistics and related fields. It also develops analytical and verbal skills that are valuable in a wide variety of professional careers.

Major Program Requirements

Major core requirements (minimum)	22
I. Required areas/courses	
Introduction to Linguistics	3
Select one of the following:	
LINGST 1060 Human Language	
LINGST 2601 Languages of Africa	
Language Structure - At least one in-depth structure course such as:	3
LINGST 4600 Structure of American English	
LINGST 4720 Structure of Modern French	
LINGST 4721 Structure of Modern Spanish	
Phonology	3
LINGST 4630 Phonology (typically offered Spring semesters)	
Syntax	3
LINGST 4640 Syntax (typically offered Fall semesters; a structure course prerequisite)	
Semantics	3
Select one of the following:	
LINGST 2700 Elementary Logic	
LINGST 4100 Philosophy of Language	
LINGST 4110 Advanced Logic	
II. Electives	
At least one additional course from any part of the linguistics curriculum, including but not limited to those listed above and below	3
Language variation	
LINGST 3620 Languages of the World	
LINGST 4620 Regional and Social Dialects of American English	
LINGST 4722 Spanish Across the Continents	
LINGST 4723 Language and Society: Spanish in the U.S.	
Language and Culture	
LINGST 3470 Culture as Communication	
LINGST 4412 Gender, Language and Communication	
Historical Linguistics and Language Change	
LINGST 4200 Introduction to Old English	
LINGST 4420 Historical Linguistics	
LINGST 4610 History of the English Language	
LINGST 4710 History of the French Language	
LINGST 4711 History of the Spanish Language	
Phonetics	
LINGST 3010 American Phonetics	
LINGST 3210 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism	

LINGST 3220	Speech Acoustics	
LINGST 3721	Spanish Phonetics	
III. Capstone Course		4
LINGST 4870	Field Methods in Linguistics	

Options

Topics courses such as LINGST 2001, LINGST 3001 and LINGST 4001 may also satisfy core requirements. Substitutions may be approved for courses in one of the required areas if no courses are available in that area during a student's senior year.

In addition, students must complete all College of Arts and Science and University graduation requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), including University general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>).

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
LINGST 1060		3 Second Language II	5
ENGLISH 1000		3 MATH 1100	3
Social Science (MO State Law)		3 Behavioral Science	3
Second Language I		5 A&S Diversity	3
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Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
LINGST 2700 or PHIL 2700		3 Linguistics Elective	3
Behavioral Science		3 Minor	3
Second Language III		3 Humanities/Fine Arts (Writing Intensive)	3
Social Science		3 Science with a Lab	5
Writing Intensive 1000+		3 General Elective	3
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Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
LINGST 4600, 4720, or 4721		3 LINGST 4630	3
Minor		3 Minor	3
Humanities/Fine Arts		3 Humanities/Fine Arts	3
Science		3 Science	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
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Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
LINGST 4640		3 LINGST 4870	4
Minor		3 Minor	3
Social Science		3 Humanities/Fine Arts	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
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Total Credits: 121