

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

In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

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	
Syntax		3
LINGST 4640	Syntax (a structure course prerequisite)	
Semantics		3
Select one of the following:		
LINGST 2700	Elementary Logic	
LINGST 4100	Language, Meaning, and Reality	
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.

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
ENGLSH 1000		3 Math and Quantitative Reasoning	3
LINGST 1060		3 Second Language Requirement	4
Second Language Requirement		4 Behavioral Science, 2000+	3
Behavioral Science from Arts and Science		3 Humanities from Arts and Science	3
Humanities		3 Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science	3
		16	16
Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
LINGST 2700 or PHIL 2700		3 Linguistics Elective	3
Second Language Requirement		4 Social Science	3
Missouri State Law Requirement: Social Science from Arts and Science		3 First Writing Intensive	3
Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science		3 Biological or Physical Science lab	4
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective, 3000+	3
		16	16
Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
LINGST 4600		3 LINGST 4630	3
Social Science, 2000+		3 Humanities	3
undefined		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective, 3000+	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective, 3000+		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
LINGST 4640		3 LINGST 4870	4
Humanities, 2000+		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective, 3000+	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective, 3000+		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective, 3000+	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		1	
	13		13

Total Credits: 120