

LINGUISTICS, BS

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the Guide.

General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS)

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degree requirements.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics Complete two courses of 3+ credits at the Intermediate or Advanced level in MATH, COMP SCI, or STAT subjects. A maximum of one course in each of COMP SCI and STAT subjects counts toward this requirement.

Language Complete the third unit of a language other than English.

L&S Breadth Complete:

- 12 credits of Humanities, which must include at least 6 credits of Literature; and
- 12 credits of Social Science; and
- 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include 6 credits of Biological Science and 6 credits of Physical Science.

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Advanced Coursework	Complete at least 60 credits at the Intermediate or Advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW–Madison Experience	Complete both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credits in residence, overall, and • 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison • 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR LANGUAGE

Code	Title	Credits
	Complete the fourth unit or higher in a foreign language, by course or by examination	0–16
Total Credits		0–16

CREDIT REQUIREMENT

Students pursuing the linguistics major must complete 30 credits as follows:

Required Foundational Courses (4 courses)

Code	Title	Credits
LINGUIS 101	Human Language	3
LINGUIS 310	Phonology	3
LINGUIS 322	Morphology	3
LINGUIS 330	Syntax	3
Total Credits		12

Advanced Linguistics Coursework (2 courses)

Code	Title	Credits
One 500-level LINGUIS course (choose one of the following):		
LINGUIS 510	Phonological Theories	
LINGUIS 522	Advanced Morphology	
LINGUIS 530	Syntactic Theories	
LINGUIS 571	Structure of a Language	

Capstone course		
LINGUIS 690	Capstone in Linguistics	3

Total Credits **6**

Electives in the Major (4 courses)

Code	Title	Credits
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Complete 4 of the following: **12**

any LINGUIS course ¹		
AFRICAN 206	Introduction to African Linguistic Practices	
AMER IND/ ANTHRO 314	Indians of North America	
AMER IND/ LINGUIS 371	Survey of North American Indian Languages	
ANTHRO/ LINGUIS 430	Language and Culture	
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	
ASIAN 432	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	
ASIAN 434	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	
ASIAN 631	History of the Chinese Language	
ASIAN 632	Studies in Chinese Linguistics	
ASIAN 633	Chinese Applied Linguistics	
CS&D 110	Introduction to Communicative Disorders	
CS&D 201	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Production	
CS&D 202	Hearing Science	
CS&D 210	Neural Basis of Communication	
CS&D 240	Language Development in Children and Adolescents	
CS&D 303	Speech Acoustics and Perception	
CS&D 315	Phonetics and Phonological Development	
CS&D 440	Child Language Disorders, Assessment and Intervention	
CS&D 503	Neural Mechanisms of Speech, Hearing and Language	
ED POL 205	Language and Social Inequality	
ED POL 595	Language Politics and Education	
ENGL 314	Structure of English	
ENGL 316	English Language Variation in the U.S.	
ENGL 318	Second Language Acquisition	
ENGL 319	Language, Race, and Identity	
ENGL 320	Linguistic Theory and Child Language	
ENGL 412	Bad Grammar and Metalinguistic Awareness	
ENGL 413	English Words: Grammar, Culture, Mind	
ENGL 414	Global Spread of English	
ENGL 415	Introduction to TESOL Methods	
ENGL 416	English in Society	
ENGL 417	History of the English Language	

ENGL 420	Topics in English Language and Linguistics	
ENGL 514	English Syntax	
ENGL 516	English Grammar in Use	
FOLKLORE/ L I S 490	Field Methods and the Public Presentation of Folklore	
ITALIAN 340	Structures of Italian	
GERMAN 351	Introduction to German Linguistics	
GERMAN 352	Topics in German Linguistics	
GERMAN 650	History of the German Language	
L I S 501	Introduction to Text Mining	
L I S 640	Topics in Library and Information Studies (Tribal Libraries, Archives, & Museums topic only)	
LINGUIS/ ANTHRO/ FOLKLORE/ INTL ST 211	Global Language Issues	
LINGUIS 213	Topics in Sociolinguistics	
LINGUIS 237	Language in Wisconsin	
LINGUIS 303	Historical Linguistics	
LINGUIS 309	Grammatical Variability of Language	
LINGUIS 340	Semantics	
LINGUIS/ AMER IND 371	Survey of North American Indian Languages	
LINGUIS 373	Topics in Linguistics	
LINGUIS 375	Sign Language Linguistics	
LINGUIS 426		
LINGUIS 427	Field Methods II	
LINGUIS/ ANTHRO 430	Language and Culture	
PHILOS 516	Language and Meaning	
PSYCH 406	Psychology of Perception	
PSYCH 414	Cognitive Psychology	
PSYCH 460	Child Development	
PSYCH 521		
RELIG ST 201	Religion in/and Everyday Language	
SOC 535	Talk and Social Interaction	
SPANISH 320	Spanish Phonetics	
SPANISH 321	The Structure of Modern Spanish	
SPANISH 327	Introduction to Spanish Linguistics	
SPANISH 331	Spanish Applied Linguistics	
SPANISH/ FRENCH/ ITALIAN/ PORTUG 429	Introduction to the Romance Languages	
SPANISH 430	Spanish in the United States	
SPANISH 446	Topics in Spanish Linguistics	
SPANISH 630	Topics in Hispanic Linguistics	

Total Credits **12**

¹ Except LINGUIS 351, LINGUIS 352, LINGUIS 481, LINGUIS 482, LINGUIS 583, LINGUIS 681, LINGUIS 682.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all LINGUIS and all major courses
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence²
- 15 credits in LINGUIS, taken on the UW–Madison campus

² Intermediate and Advanced level LINGUIS courses, LINGUIS 340, LINGUIS 373 and some elective courses from other subjects are upper-level in the major (see list).

Electives from other subjects that are Upper-Level in the Major

Code	Title	Credits
ASIAN 358	Language in Japanese Society	3
ASIAN 432	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 434	Introduction to Japanese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 631	History of the Chinese Language	3
CS&D 201	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech Production	3
CS&D 210	Neural Basis of Communication	3
CS&D 303	Speech Acoustics and Perception	3
CS&D 503	Neural Mechanisms of Speech, Hearing and Language	3
ENGL 314	Structure of English	3
ENGL 316	English Language Variation in the U.S.	3
ENGL 318	Second Language Acquisition	3
ENGL 414	Global Spread of English	3
ENGL 416	English in Society	3
ENGL 417	History of the English Language	3
ENGL 516	English Grammar in Use	3
ENGL 514	English Syntax	3
GERMAN 351	Introduction to German Linguistics	3-4
GERMAN 352	Topics in German Linguistics	3-4
GERMAN 650	History of the German Language	3
PHILOS 516	Language and Meaning	3
SOC 535	Talk and Social Interaction	3
SPANISH/ FRENCH/ITALIAN/ PORTUG 429	Introduction to the Romance Languages	3
SPANISH 630	Topics in Hispanic Linguistics	3

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Linguistics Undergraduate Advisor (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/linguistics/linguistics-ba/#advisingandcareerstext>).

HONORS IN THE LINGUISTICS MAJOR: REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.500 GPA for all LINGUIS courses, and all courses accepted in the major
- Complete two LINGUIS courses, taken for Honors, with concurrent 1-credit enrollment in LINGUIS 481 Junior Honors Tutorial, LINGUIS 482 Junior Honors Tutorial, or LINGUIS 583, for a total of 2 additional credits. A grade of B or better must be earned in each course taken for honors.
- Complete a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in LINGUIS 681 Honors Seminar–Senior Thesis and LINGUIS 682 Honors Seminar–Senior Thesis, leading to submission of an acceptable paper, for a total of 6 credits. A grade of B or better must be earned in the thesis project.

Note that Honors tutorial credits and the Senior Honors Thesis do not count toward the 30 credits required for the major in linguistics.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.