

LINGUISTICS

FACULTY

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DEGREES OFFERED: BA, MA

Minor

Option (Graduate)

Bilingual-Bicultural Studies

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

Linguistics is a branch of humanistic science concerned with understanding the nature of human language as a system of communication, its functions in human society, its historical development, its diverse manifestations in the form of individual languages and dialects, and its role in human thought.

In explaining how people *talk*, linguistics offers basic language theories and provides a framework for the description and analysis of any of the world's 4,000–5,000 different languages, including, but not limited to, modern English.

The Linguistics Department offers programs leading to a bachelor of arts degree, a master of arts degree, and a minor in linguistics. Courses in General Linguistics, English Linguistics, and Applied Linguistics are offered. Specific areas covered include analysis of the structure of human language; linguistic history; structure, history and varieties of the English language; principles and strategies for teaching English as a second language; linguistic approaches to spelling and reading, etc. Courses in several non-Western languages are also offered.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To complete the major for the BA degree, students must complete 30 units in one of the patterns outlined below, the General Education requirement, special course requirements, and electives, (94 units) totaling at least 124 units required for the BA degree.

The BA program in linguistics is diversified but integrated. It prepares the student for a variety of careers in such fields as bilingual-bicultural education and the teaching of English as a Second Language.

At present, three options are available to linguistics majors: 1) English as a Second Language, 2) Spanish-English Bilingualism, and 3) Black Dialectology. In each of these options the student receives a basic grounding in the nature and structure of human language.

English as a Second Language

	<i>Units</i>
Ling 10 or 135, 134, 141	9
Elect from Ling 132, 136, 138, 171	6
Approved electives	15
	30

Spanish-English Bilingualism

Ling 10 or 135, 134, 141	9
Elect from Ling 132, 136, 147, 148	6–9
Electives from La Raza, Spanish, Linguistics	12–15
	30

Black Dialectology

Ling 10 or 135, 134, 141	9
Elect from Ling 132, 136, 147, 148	6–9
Electives from Ethnic Studies and Linguistics	12–15
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