Linguistics, BA

Combined Programs

BA/MA in Linguistics (TESL Subprogram)

Undergraduate linguistics majors who plan to earn a master’s degree in linguistics with a teaching English as a second language (TESL) emphasis have the opportunity to enroll in the Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in linguistics degree program. Students in the BA/MA program take selected graduate-level courses while they are still undergraduates and may count 12 s.h. of advanced coursework toward both degrees. Once students complete the requirements for the bachelor’s degree, they are granted the BA, and they usually complete the MA one year later.

As part of the undergraduate major with TESL subprogram, BA/MA students take LING:4040 The Structure of English, a course in language history, LING:3001 Introduction to Linguistics, and LING:3005 Articulatory and Acoustic Phonetics.

Students substitute some graduate-level coursework for typical undergraduate requirements. Instead of taking LING:3010 Syntactic Analysis to fulfill the BA syntax requirement, they take LING:5010 Introduction to Syntax, the first course in the mandatory two-course syntax sequence for MA students. Instead of taking LING:3020 Phonological Analysis to fulfill the BA phonology requirement, they take LING:5020 Introduction to Phonology, the first in the graduate two-course phonology sequence.

In addition, LING:4050 Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language and LING:6010 Syntactic Theory count toward both degrees and usually are taken during the final year of coursework for the BA.

To be admitted to the program, students must be working toward an undergraduate major in linguistics, must have completed at least 80 s.h. of undergraduate coursework (typically by the end of their fifth semester), and must have a grade-point average of at least 3.50.