Combined Programs

BA/MA in Linguistics

Undergraduate linguistics majors who plan to earn a master’s degree in linguistics 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 13 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.

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.

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.