

Linguistics, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in linguistics requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 30 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

The major in linguistics prepares students to do basic language analysis in syntax-semantics (sentence patterns and their relation to meanings) and phonology (sound patterns). Elective courses in a variety of subspecialties enable students to tailor the program to their own interests.

The BA with a major in linguistics requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Major Courses	15
Electives	15

Major Courses

Students must complete no fewer than 15 s.h. of requirements for the major at the University of Iowa, including LING:3005 Articulatory and Acoustic Phonetics, LING:3010 Syntactic Analysis, and LING:3020 Phonological Analysis.

The course LING:1003 English Grammar does not count toward the linguistics major.

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
LING:3001	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LING:3005	Articulatory and Acoustic Phonetics	3
LING:3010	Syntactic Analysis	3
LING:3020	Phonological Analysis	3
One of these:		
A course in language history, such as LING:3080		3
A course in an old language (classical Greek, Latin, Old English)		3

Electives

Electives are chosen in consultation with a faculty advisor (15 s.h.), bringing the total credit in the major to 30 s.h.

TESL Emphasis

As part of the major in linguistics, students may complete an emphasis in teaching English as a second language (TESL). The TESL emphasis can prepare students to teach English to non-native speakers abroad. It also is excellent preparation for graduate work in second language acquisition. TESL emphasis students complete the requirements for the linguistics major as listed, using the following coursework to partially satisfy the electives requirement.

Course #	Title	Hours
Both of these:		
LING:4040	The Structure of English	3

LING:4050	Methods of Teaching English as a Second Language	3
One of these:		
LING:3030	Child Language-Linguistic Perspectives	3
LING:3670	Language Processes	3
LING:4010	Undergraduate Practicum in Teaching English as a Second Language	3
LING:4090	Practical Phonetics	3