Linguistics - Interdisciplinary Language Studies Option, B.A.

DEPARTMENT

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BS in Cognitive Science, B.S.
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MN in Japanese, Minor
CERT in TESOL, Certificate of Adv. Study

Language is an essential part of our life. Nothing characterizes humanity more than the ability to use language. Linguists analyze sounds, words, sentences, and texts. Linguists also make valuable contributions to practical fields such as K-12 teaching, second and foreign language teaching, language planning, translation, computer science, forensic linguistics, and language disorders.

Computational applications of linguistics, such as speech synthesis, speech recognition, and machine-assisted translation, have also become increasingly important.

Our undergraduate and graduate programs develop intellectual skills that are essential to professional careers or advanced degrees. Our courses provide analytical tools that can be applied to virtually any subject. They also help enhance critical thinking, satisfy broad intellectual interest, and enrich personal knowledge.

Our majors can be applied directly to various professional fields. They also serve as excellent preparation for pursuing advanced degrees in linguistics and other fields such as English, anthropology, psychology, sociology, computer science, and foreign languages. TESL is an important part of our program and especially compatible with degrees in education and liberal studies. A Japanese minor can be profitably combined with majors in such areas as business, international relations, linguistics, and literature.

Minors in Chinese and Japanese are also available for students with plans to pursue careers in various areas, such as international business, marketing, economics, art and literature, etc., where a knowledge of language and culture would be useful.

The B.A. Option in Computational Linguistics is for those students interested in text processing, forensic linguistics, software design, machine translation, and other professions dealing with the interface between computers and humans.

Facilities

The Department of Linguistics has a computer lab for computer-assisted language learning (CALL), for language study, for the analysis of speech sounds, and for displaying the operation of the organs of speech. Computers are used for simulating speech and for mapping the geographical extent of language features, as well as for storing the data needed for the making of grammars and dictionaries. The Linguistics Department provides practical classroom teaching experience for qualified TESL students through employment in the American English Institute. For more, see American English Institute in the Special Programs section of this catalog. Also associated with the Linguistics Department is the Forensic Linguistics Institute (FLI). The FLI provides analyses in linguistic stylistics to extramural clients, thereby giving Fresno State linguistics majors opportunities for work, study, and research.
REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Linguistics Major

A B.A. with a major in linguistics requires 36-46 units completed in one of the options outlined below, the General Education requirement, specific course/skill requirements, and electives and remaining degree requirements totaling at least the 120 units required for a B.A.

The B.A. program in Linguistics is diversified but integrated. Four options are available: (1) Teaching English as a Second Language, (2) General Linguistics, (3) Computational Linguistics, and (4) Interdisciplinary Language Studies. In each option, students receive a basic grounding in the nature and structure of human language.

Major requirements (36-46 units)
--- A. Core (18 units) ---
LING 100, 139, 142, 143, 148, 165

--- B. Options (18-28 units) ---

IV. Interdisciplinary Language Studies (21-23 units)
Required: LING 151. See advising note 6.
Choose Plan A or Plan B
--- A. Depth Plan in one language ---
(Spanish, French, Japanese, or German)
Required for Spanish: SPAN 130, 137, 139. Electives approved by the adviser (9 units).
Required for French: FREN 103 (6 units), 132. Electives approved by the adviser (9 units).
Required for Japanese: JAPN 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 100; LING 120
Required for German: GERM 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, GERM 101, 150
See advising notes 5 and 7.
---B. Breadth Plan lower-division and/or upper-division courses in various languages ---
(American Sign Language, Armenian, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hmong, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Portuguese, Sanskrit, and/or Spanish.) See advising notes 5, 6, and 7.

General Education requirements (51 units)

Approved electives and remaining degree requirements (23-33 units)
(See Degree Requirements); may be used toward a double major or minor

Total (120 units)

Advising Notes

1. No General Education Integration course offered by the Department of Linguistics may be used to satisfy the General Education requirements for linguistics majors.
2. CR/NC grading is not permitted in the linguistics major.
3. General Education and elective units can be used toward a double major or minor. (See double major or departmental minor.) Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator, or faculty adviser for further information.
4. See adviser for list of approved electives.
5. Students who have studied a language in high school or community college, or who by culture and experience have a certain level of proficiency, must consult with an adviser in the language to determine their placement in lower- or upper-division coursework.
6. Students must fulfill the 18 units by taking language courses in a minimum of two languages and not more than three languages. Students must maintain a B average in the languages taken. LING 151 is intended to be taken upon completion of Plan A or Plan B.
7. Literature courses in the language may be used with permission of adviser. Except for LING 120, courses taught in English do not count toward the required courses for Plan A or Plan B.

FACULTY

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.
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