

Linguistics (LING)



Linguists study how languages are used and structured by societies, how they are learned and processed by individuals, and how they change over time in society and in the individual. Faculty in the Linguistics Department at the University of Oregon have research interests that extend into the areas of speech-language pathology, psychology, anthropology, and the maintenance and revitalization of endangered languages. These interests lead us to also invest in practical endeavors, such as language teaching, that have a positive and direct impact on society.

Top 5 reasons to study Linguistics

- 1 Language is central to human culture and society; thought and science.
- 2 Explore how societies create and change language through time.
- 3 Learn about the diversity of the more than 7,000 oral and sign languages used around the globe.
- 4 Investigate how language influences thought and vice versa.
- 5 Discover how children acquire language and adults learn new languages.

Where can I go?

A degree in Linguistics can take you in multiple directions. Students in Linguistics may choose to pursue a Bachelor of Arts (BA), a Master of Arts (MA), or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Linguistics provides students with a foundation for employment in:

- Law and the judiciary
- The tech sector (i.e. in natural language and speech processing or synthesis)
- Federal, state, and local government (e.g. translation and interpretation services)
- Non-governmental organizations (i.e. NGOs) as cultural and linguistic ambassadors
- Health industry (e.g. audiology and speech-language pathology)
- Primary education (e.g. language teacher or speech-language pathologist)
- Military (e.g. intelligence officers)

Alumni jobs

- Language teacher
- Data scientist
- Lawyer
- Community organizer
- Translation and interpretation
- Travel consultant
- Senior writer and producer
- Business & marketing

Courses you may need

1ST YEAR

LING 301 & LING 302 + 2 yrs of one foreign language (e.g., 203 proficiency) + 1 year of another foreign language (e.g., 103 proficiency)

2ND YEAR

LING 411; LING 450 or LING 435; LING 451 + lower division LING elective + completing language requirement

3RD YEAR

the other sequence + 400-level LING elective

4TH YEAR

LING 407; two more 400-level LING electives

Major credits

Required	36 credits
Electives	8 credits
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Total	44 credits

Core Education Requirement

BA Degree

Minimum = 180 credits

Core Education is approximately 71-83 credits depending on transfer credits and placement scores and requires courses in:

Writing

Language

US: Difference, Inequality, Agency

Global Perspectives

Areas of Inquiry in:

Arts and Letters

Social Science

Science

What will I learn?

A degree in Linguistics can give you skills in:

- Data analysis
- Critical thinking and reasoning
- Written and oral communication
- Original, empirical research
- Library and other secondary research
- Computational linguistics (e.g. speech recognition, natural language processing)
- Cognitive sciences
- Fieldwork based data collection
- Language acquisition and language teaching
- Technical writing

Specialized courses

In addition to the overall skills you will gain from the major in Linguistics, at the Department of Linguistics at the University of Oregon you can take specialized courses in areas such as the following:

- Writing Systems of the World
- Language and Society in the United States
- Child Language Acquisition
- Bilingualism
- Language and Cognition
- Language and Power
- Second Language Acquisition
- Corpus Linguistics

Add a minor or certificate

Minors: Anthropology, Area Studies (e.g. African Studies; International Studies), Computer Information Technology, Language & Literature (e.g. Arabic; Romance Languages; East Asian Languages & Literature), Psychology, Second Language Acquisition and Teaching [certificate], Sociology