



LINGUISTICS

The University of Kansas



Why study Linguistics?

Because language is a window into the mind. Linguistics provides an understanding of the human capacity to acquire, perceive, and produce language and of language's role in contemporary society.

Is Linguistics for me?

To find out, ask yourself:

Am I fascinated by language and the way people use it? Am I intrigued by the sounds and structure of language? Am I interested in how children acquire language so effortlessly, while students in foreign language courses have much more difficulty? Would I like to know what makes people sound different or how language is organized and processed in the brain?

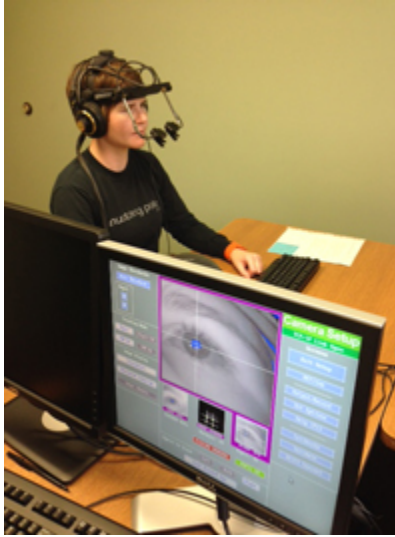
What is Linguistics?

Linguists explore the nature of human language and the human capacity for acquiring and using language. Linguists study how children and adults learn language and how people use language. Linguists identify the universal features of language that make it possible to express any concept. They also strive to document each of the world's 3,000 endangered languages before they disappear completely. Language makes possible the uniquely human ability to communicate discoveries. Linguists address the connections between language, brain, culture, and mind.

What degrees are offered?

Major: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.).

Minor: Two minors in Linguistics. A General Linguistics Minor or a Second Language Acquisition Minor.



What are the degree requirements?

The B.A. or B.G.S. degree requires 30 credit hours in Linguistics.

A major in Linguistics can also be combined with other majors. You might consider a double major in psychology, speech-language-hearing, philosophy, communication studies, anthropology, computer science, international studies, or a foreign language. You also may combine a degree in Linguistics with a degree from one of KU's professional schools, such as Education, Business, Engineering or Journalism.

The General Linguistics minor or the Second Language Acquisition minor require 18 hours. The department also offers an interdisciplinary Mind & Brain certificate.



What courses will I be taking?

You'll be taking courses in phonetics and phonology (study of speech sounds), syntax and semantics (study of sentence structure and meaning), morphology (study of words), psycholinguistics (language processing), neurolinguistics (brain and language), and the acquisition of a first or a second language.

The department also offers courses on language and society, the typology of the world's languages, field methods, and courses on the structure of particular languages (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Kaqchikel, Kiche, Kiowa, and Miskitu).



Which introductory Linguistic courses count for the KU CORE requirements?

- LING 106/107 Introductory Linguistics (Goal 1.1, Goal 3, Goal 4.2)
- Ling 110/111 Language and Mind (Goal 1.1, Goal 3, Goal 4.1)

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