

## B.A. in LINGUISTICS

Linguistics undertakes the scientific study of the nature, structure, and function of language. Linguists analyze the structure of the world's languages, study how languages change over time, describe regional and social varieties of standard languages, and attempt to understand the workings of the human mind by studying the acquisition of language(s) by children and adults. Knowledge gathered through the study of the various facets of language can be applied to the development of effective language teaching methods and materials, to documenting undocumented and endangered languages, as well as to the development of computer systems that can process natural language and can recognize and synthesize speech.

A total of 36 semester units of linguistics coursework are required for the major. These units include:

### A. 21 Units of Core Courses

LING 101	Introduction to Linguistics .....	3 units
LING 111	Introduction to Phonetics .....	3 units
LING 112	Introduction to Syntax .....	3 units
LING 113	Introduction to Phonology.....	3 units
LING 114	Introduction to Semantics and Discourse.....	3 units
LING 125	Introduction to Historical Linguistics .....	3 units
LING 162	Introduction to Morphology.....	3 units
<b>Total:</b>		<b>21 units</b>

### B. 15 Units of Electives

Elective courses must be chosen in consultation with a major advisor. Students may select 15 units of electives, 12 units of which must be in Linguistics. These courses may be chosen from the following list, or from relevant courses from other departments:

LING 107	Patterns of English	LING 166	Sociolinguistics
LING 108	Intro to Second Lang Development & Teaching	LING 167	Multilingualism and Language Contact
LING 115	Corpus Linguistics		
LING 122	English as a World Language (Area V)		
LING 124	Introduction to Speech Technology		
LING 161	Psycholinguistics		
LING 165	Introduction to Natural Language Processing		

### Specialization Within The Linguistics Major

Linguistics majors may choose an area of specialization within the field of linguistics. By carefully selecting electives (in consultation with their advisor), students have the opportunity to prepare for further graduate study and/or for future employment in academia or industry. Informal emphases within the major are: (1) General Linguistics (any combination of electives); (2) Computational Linguistics (LING 115, 124, 165); and (3) TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) (LING 107, 108, 166).

### Language Requirement

The language requirement is one year of college-level coursework in a language other than the student's native language, or demonstrated equivalent competence. Courses in American Sign Language may meet this requirement.

### Other Requirements

Please consult the "General Catalog" for information concerning general university requirements for General Education courses, Physical Education courses, supporting courses and electives. The Department recommends fulfilling the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement by taking **LLD 100W Writing Workshop (SJSU Studies Z)**, if not waived by high score in **WST**. The total number of units required for this degree is 120.

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