The linguistics major consists of eleven courses, including two foreign language courses (normally at the 200 level or above), and three elective courses.

Completion of the major requires a minimum of a C average in the major. The S/U option may be exercised only in the elective component of the major, for a maximum of four credit hours. A maximum combined total of 4 credit hours at the 490-499 level (Directed Reading, Directed Research, Independent Research, Honors) may be applied toward the major. *You can only double-count two courses between a Linguistics major or minor and any other major or minor. Courses completed in approved Linguistics study abroad programs can also be used to fulfill major requirements (with approval of the Program Director or designated faculty advisor).

Course Requirements

I. Three basic courses in the study of linguistics:
- LING 101 Language Diversity in the US (formerly History of the American Languages)
- LING 201 Foundations of Linguistics
- LING 401W Language, Mind and Society

II. Three breadth courses on key approaches to the study of linguistics:
One course in Structural Approaches to Human Language:
- LING 210 Sounds of Human Language (Phonetics and Phonology)
- LING 212 or 212W Structure of Human Language (Morphology and Syntax)
- LING 214 Meaning in Human Language (Semantics and Pragmatics)

One course in Cognitive Approaches to Human Language, including but not limited to:
- LING 309 Brain and Language
- LING 316 Language Acquisition
- LING 317 Psycholinguistics

One course in Sociocultural Approaches to Human Language, including but not limited to:
- LING 333 Language, Gender and Sexuality
- LING 340 Topics in Sociolinguistics
- LING 350 Health Communication

III. Three Linguistics electives in any of the three breadth areas above, and/or any other LING course (min. 3 credit hours) except LING 151 Second Language Study.

IV. One course must be a designated research focused course (min. 3 credit hrs.), and may be counted toward the breadth (II) or elective (III) requirement of the major.
- LING 316 Language Acquisition
- LING 317 Psycholinguistics
- LING 342 Language Prejudice
- LING 497R or LING 499R with DUS approval
- LING 430R Research Methods in Linguistics
- LING 446 Big/Small Data and Visualization
- LING 350 Health Communication

V. Students must take two foreign language courses.
- Two courses in one foreign language at the 200-level or above or
- Two courses in two different foreign languages at any level, with approval from the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

AP credit in a foreign language may be used to fulfill the foreign language requirement but an additional linguistics elective must be taken to meet the required credit hours of the major.