

LINGUISTICS, MINOR

Linguistics is the scientific study of language. Linguists apply the scientific method to study speech sounds, grammatical structures, and meaning across the world's 6,000+ languages. The study of language is reflected in several things we do in our daily lives, such as telling a joke, using voice recognition software, achieving native-like proficiency in another language, etc. The Saint Louis University linguistics minor allows students to gain insight into one of the most fundamental parts of being human — the ability to communicate through language. Studying linguistics enables SLU students to understand how language works, how it is acquired, how it is used in society, and how it changes over time.

Because linguistics is a social science and inherently an interdisciplinary field, it intersects with many other areas, such as anthropology, communication, computer science, data science, engineering, English, foreign language study, forensic science, law, immigration, neuroscience, philosophy, psychology, sociology, speech and hearing science, among others. As a result, linguistics can provide the foundation for many jobs and careers, including well-paying positions at tech companies, financial institutions, the government, hospitals, publishing houses, academia, etc.

Requirements

Students must complete a minimum total of **18 credits** for the minor.

Code	Title	Credits
LING 1000	How Language Works: Introduction to Linguistics	3
LING 2000	Research Methods in Linguistics	3
<i>Electives</i>		<i>12</i>
<i>Choose 12 credits, 6 credits of which must be in LING, with the "Linguistics Elective" attribute, such as:</i>		
ANTH 2400	Linguistic Anthropology	
CSCI 4845	Natural Language Processing	
LING 3010	Language Acquisition	
LING 3020	Language and Society	
LING 3030	Language and Computers	
LING 3040	Language Contact and Bilingualism	
LING 3050	Language Change and Evolution	
LING 3060	Language in Evidence: Forensic Linguistics	
SPAN 4050	Spanish Phonetics and Phonology	
SPAN 4090	Spanish Sociolinguistics	
Total Credits		18

Continuation Requirements

Students are required to earn a grade of "C" or better in each required course. Students who do not achieve the "C" or better grade in a required course will be expected to repeat the course in an attempt to achieve the "C" or better grade. Students may repeat a required course one time. Failure to achieve the "C" or better grade after one repeat attempt will have the student dismissed from the Linguistics Minor program.

Contact Us

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