

LINGUISTICS (AA DEGREE A0986)

Humanities and Social Sciences Division World Languages Department

The goal of the Associate of Arts in Linguistics is to provide students with a strong foundation in the study of language. Students in this program will examine aspects of language structure, including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics, and will explore topics stemming from sociolinguistics and historical linguistics in order to evaluate language variation and change. Overall, the program imparts comprehensive knowledge of core linguistic principles and encourages the appreciation of linguistic and cultural diversity.

The degree will integrate with the study of foreign languages, the humanities, ethnic studies, and social justice, allowing students to embrace a broader understanding of language and its socio-cultural significance. Appreciating the human experience of language and acknowledging the political forces that drive its development will provide students with cultural competencies vital for succeeding in an ever-evolving, diverse, and global society. Finally, the study of linguistics promotes awareness of how language shapes identity and social dynamics, fostering inclusivity and effective communication in multicultural societies.

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
LING 1	Introduction to Linguistic Analysis	3
LING 4	Introduction to World Languages	3
Select 8 Units of Sequential Courses in One Language:		8
ARAB 1	Elementary Arabic	
ARAB 2	Continuing Elementary Arabic	
CHIN 1	Elementary Chinese	
CHIN 2	Continuing Elementary Chinese	
CHIN 3	Intermediate Chinese	
CHIN 4	Continuing Intermediate Chinese	
FRCH 1	Elementary French	
FRCH 2	Continuing Elementary French	
FRCH 3	Intermediate French	
FRCH 4	Continuing Intermediate French	
GERM 1	Elementary German	
GERM 2	Continuing Elementary German	
GERM 3	Intermediate German	
ITAL 1	Elementary Italian	
ITAL 2	Continuing Elementary Italian	
ITAL 3	Intermediate Italian	
ITAL 4	Continuing Intermediate Italian	
KORE 1	Elementary Korean	
KORE 2	Continuing Elementary Korean	
KORE 3	Intermediate Korean	
KORE 4	Continuing Intermediate Korean	
LATN 1	Elementary Latin	
or LATN 1H	Elementary Latin - Honors	
LATN 2	Continuing Elementary Latin	
or LATN 2H	Continuing Elementary Latin - Honors	
JAPN 1	Elementary Japanese	
JAPN 2	Continuing Elementary Japanese	

JAPN 3	Intermediate Japanese
JAPN 4	Continuing Intermediate Japanese
JAPN 5	Advanced Japanese
SIGN 101	American Sign Language 1
or SIGN 101H	American Sign Language 1 - Honors
SIGN 102	American Sign Language 2
SIGN 103	American Sign Language 3
SIGN 104	American Sign Language 4
SIGN 105	American Sign Language 5
SPAN 1	Elementary Spanish
or SPAN 1S	Spanish for the Spanish Speaking
SPAN 2	Continuing Elementary Spanish
or SPAN 2S	Continuing Spanish for the Spanish Speaking
SPAN 3	Intermediate Spanish
SPAN 4	Continuing Intermediate Spanish
Select Six Units from the following List:	
LING 2	Languages, Gender, and Power
LING 3	Languages, Cultures, and Writing in East Asia
LING 5	Language, Context, and Data
LING 6	Latin and Greek in Modern Language and Science
PHIL 3	Introduction to Logic
or PHIL 3H	Introduction to Logic - Honors
Total Units	20

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program students should be able to:

- Identify the phonological, morphological, syntactic, and semantic components of language. Students will recognize and apply linguistic notions pertaining to sounds, words, grammar, and meaning.
- Examine language change and linguistic reconstruction of language families. Students will illustrate principles of linguistic change and apply the comparative method to reconstruct language families.
- Assess the significance of context and culture in relation to language. Students will gain an in-depth understanding of pragmatics and culture as it pertains to language.
- Evaluate the role and use of language in society. Students will examine social aspects of language, analyzing the role played by politics, education, gender, and group identity.
- Interrogate the correlation between language, cognition, and environment. Students will explore interdisciplinary approaches to the origin of language, language acquisition, and the human nature of languages.

Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for this program.