An interdepartmental minor program in linguistics is available to students interested in the scientific analysis and comparison of languages or in improving their theoretical understanding of language in connection with practical language study. Students who might be interested in a linguistics minor would usually major in a subject such as anthropology, communication, computer science, English, foreign languages, philosophy, psychology, sociology, and any education curriculum. Completion of the linguistics minor adds strength to such majors.

For the minor in linguistics the student must take LIN201 Introduction to Linguistics and, by advisement, fifteen credits in courses from among those listed in the minor plan. Students must complete at least nine credits from outside his/her major department toward the linguistics minor.

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**Minor**

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**Undergraduate**

**LIN201. Intro To Linguistics. 3 Credits.**
Basic phonetic and grammatical concepts for the scientific analysis and comparison of languages. Nature of dialects, language development, writing. Major language families.

**LIN293. Linguistics Selected Topic. 3-12 Credits.**
Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of the course changes.

**LIN295. Indep Study Linguistics. 0 Credits.**

**LIN364. Syntax. 3 Credits.**
Introduction to the linguistic discipline of syntax, the study of sentence structure, with a focus on the Generative Grammar framework of Noam Chomsky and followers. Considers data from English and other languages.

**LIN365. Semantics. 3 Credits.**
Semantics is the study of meaning in natural language. The course surveys various topics in linguistic semantics, and pragmatics, including word definition, sentence meaning, predication, quantification, logic connectives, the tense and aspect of verbs events, thematic roles and conversational implicature.

**LIN380. Etymology and Morphology. 3 Credits.**
Study of the origins and development of words. Study of patterns of the internal structures of words within and across languages. Theories of word origins and grammatical structure. Lecture/discussion with exercises and Powerpoint.

**LIN393. Linguistic Selected Topic. 3-12 Credits.**
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**LIN399. Modular Course. 0 Credits.**

**LIN413. Sociolinguistics. 3 Credits.**
This course will examine the relationships between language and society, and language and culture. It will investigate how language varieties interact with other social characteristics such as class, gender, ethnicity, race, and age. To accomplish this the course will have an interdisciplinary focus. Students will explore topics on regional and social variation in language usage; language change, maintenance and shifts; boundary markers and identity formation; language usage in multilingual communities; the nature of speech and discourse communities; and discourse analysis. In addition, the course will examine specific topics in macro-sociolinguistics such as national languages and language planning, as well as applied issues such as the relationships between sociolinguistics and education.

**LIN493. Linguistic Selected Topics. 3-12 Credits.**
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**LIN494. Fieldwork in Linguistics. 1-12 Credits.**

**LIN495. Indep Study Linguistics. 3-12 Credits.**

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