

# LINGUISTICS MINOR

**Banner Code:** LING

## Academic Advising

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Linguistics is the scientific study of language. Language is studied descriptively, theoretically, computationally, psychologically, and as a social phenomenon. The field of linguistics thus informs and is informed by many other areas of study, including philosophy, psychology, sociology, computer science, the study of individual languages and literature, literary studies, and education.

This minor introduces the fundamental concepts of modern linguistic theory and explores how these concepts relate to various other disciplines.

## Faculty

Back, Goldin, Jones, Leeman, Levine, Morrill, Roman-Mendoza, Serafini, Weinberger (director), Wulf

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 15

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

### Core Courses

#### General Linguistics

Code	Title	Credits
LING 306	General Linguistics (Mason Core)	3
Total Credits		3

#### Syntactic Theory, Phonological Theory, or Linguistic Semantics

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from the following:		
LING 486	Syntax I	3
LING 490	Generative Phonology	
LING 485	Semantics and Pragmatics	
Total Credits		3

### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select three from the following: <sup>1</sup>		
Any LING course		
ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core)	
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core)	
FRLN 380	Topics in the Sociopolitics of Language	
FRLN 385	Multilingualism, Identity, and Power (Mason Core)	
Any foreign language course beyond 202		
Total Credits		9

<sup>1</sup> Other elective courses, when topic is relevant, may be applied to the minor with the prior written approval of the director.