THE LINGUISTICS MAJOR

Linguistics is the science of language. It seeks to discover the psychological and motor mechanisms of human speech, the similarities and differences among languages, how languages change, and the way in which language is acquired. Because linguistics is largely independent of fields with which the student is likely to be familiar, no special background is required for students entering the major.

Linguistics interacts with a wide variety of fields, such as articulatory phonetics (biology), acoustic phonetics (physics), field methods (anthropology), language and culture (anthropology), sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics, logic, the philosophy of language, and the study of particular languages (including their history). This interaction provides opportunities for students with varied interests and can give new perspectives to those in related disciplines.

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Upon electing the linguistics major, and certainly no later than the start of the sophomore year, a student should see the Director of the Linguistics Committee for advising.

The Director of the Committee can help students find a suitable advisor to file the necessary forms. In consultation with an advisor, a student plans a coherent program of specific courses to meet the requirements below. The student and the advisor must then submit a copy of the program to the full Committee on Linguistics for approval.

Students interested in the linguistics major should request from the Committee Director information concerning the many possible course programs. Many of them permit double majors, thus providing strong preparation for further study in two fields.

Students may add variety and depth to their UCR linguistics major by attending a Summer Program in Linguistics (held in various places) or by participating in the Education Abroad Program. Students interested in spending their junior year abroad should apply by the middle of their sophomore year. For details contact the International Services Center at (951) 787-4113.

1. LING 020

2. Twenty-four (24) upper-division units distributed as follows:
   a) LING 111, LING 121, LING 131, LING 141
   b) ANTH 123
   c) PSYC 135 or PHIL 132

(over)
3. At least twelve (12) additional upper-division units of linguistic electives, to be chosen in consultation with the advisor and with the approval of the Linguistics Program Director. (The additional courses may be in linguistics or in related fields. They may relate either to a particular field or specialization or to general linguistics.)

4. Foreign language proficiency equivalent to six quarters (24 units) of study, including at least fourth-quarter proficiency in one language.