

Minor in Linguistics

Why study linguistics?

Because language is a window into the mind. Linguistics provides an understanding of the human capacity to acquire, perceive, and produce language and of language's role in contemporary society.

Minor Overview

The department offers a broad range of courses that provide a basic understanding of human language and communication. Linguistics courses examine features of language that underlie the human capacity to express concepts and communicate ideas. The courses address the connections between language, brain, culture, mind, and history. The minor gives students a basic understanding of the human capacity to acquire, perceive, and produce language and of language's role in contemporary society.

Linguistics is a superb preparation for careers that require expertise in the use of language as a means of communication, e.g., business, communications, personnel administration, teaching, health care, and social service. Many majors pursue graduate study in education, law, psychology, computer science, speech and hearing sciences, and languages.

A minor in Linguistics may also be combined with a Research Experience Certification through the KU Research Program (REP) (<http://ugresearch.ku.edu/student/rep/overview>). KU's Research Experience Program (REP) is an undergraduate certificate program in which students learn content and skills via classes, apply and integrate what they've learned via a research/creative project, present the project, and then reflect on the progress they've made. Completion of the REP certificate appears on a student's official transcript. Please speak with the Linguistics Undergraduate Research Coordinator, Dr. Fiorentino (fiorentino@ku.edu), if you are interested in pursuing Research Experience Program certification as part of your Linguistics degree.

You can also combine your degree in Linguistics with a Global Awareness Certification through the Global Awareness Program (GAP) (<http://gap.ku.edu>). KU's Global Awareness Program (GAP) is an undergraduate certificate program in which you can expand your cultural knowledge and navigate multiple perspectives. GAP tracks your progress on the three components: Academic (<http://gap.ku.edu/Academic>), On-Campus Activities with a global focus (<http://gap.ku.edu/co-curricular-activities>), and/or International Experience (<http://gap.ku.edu/international-experience>) (Two-out-of-three components needed to earn the certificate.) Completion of the GAP certificate appears on a student's official transcript. Please speak with the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Minai (minai@ku.edu), if you are interested in pursuing Global Awareness Program certification as part of your Linguistics degree.

Requirements for the Minor

Students can graduate with one of the two Linguistics tracks - either the General Linguistics Track or the Second Language Acquisition Track.

General Linguistics Track:

LING 106	Introductory Linguistics	3
or LING 107	Introductory Linguistics, Honors	
LING 110	Language and Mind	3

or LING 111	Language and Mind, Honors	
LING 305	Phonetics I	3
LING 312	Introduction to Phonology	3
LING 325	Syntax I	3
Elective: One 3-hour junior/senior level (300+) Linguistics course chosen by the student in consultation with their Linguistics advisor		3
Total Hours		18

Second Language Acquisition Track:

LING 110	Language and Mind	3
or LING 111	Language and Mind, Honors	
LING 305	Phonetics I	3
LING 325	Syntax I	3
LING 343	Bilingualism	3
LING 415	Second Language Acquisition I	3
Elective: Any 3-hour Linguistics course (including LING106 or LING107), or a 3-hour course from the Advanced Language Structure list below, chosen by the student in consultation with their Linguistics advisor		
AAAS 470	Language and Society in Africa	3
or EALC 570	The Structure of Japanese	
or EALC 572	The Structure of Chinese	
or FREN 310	French Phonetics	
or FREN 441	The Story of French	
or FREN 443	French Inside Out	
or SLAV 520	Russian Phonetics, Phonology, and Inflectional Morphology	
or SLAV 522	The Grammatical Categories of Russian: Linguistic Units, Functions and Meanings	
or SPAN 429	Spanish Phonetics	
or SPAN 520	Structure of Spanish	
or SPAN 570	Studies in Hispanic Linguistics: _____	
Total Hours		18

Minor Hours & GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and grade point average minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours of junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in all departmental courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all departmental courses in the field of study including Fs and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa>).