

## Linguistics

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Linguistics is the study of language both as a faculty of mind and as a social institution. The linguistics major and minor at William and Mary are administered through the Roy R. Charles Center as interdisciplinary programs.

An interdisciplinary major in linguistics provides the student with comprehensive exposure to a range of topics concerning the structure, acquisition, and cultural use of language. Linguistics students learn how to use both the analytical methods that are proper to the formal study of language structures as well as a variety of investigative methods deriving from interdisciplinary perspectives on the function and significance of language in human affairs.

### Requirements for Major

Each major is normally expected to select courses in accordance with the following plan:

**Required Credit Hours:** 35

**Major Computing Requirement:** ENGL 405/ANTH 412 (with a grade of C- or better)

**Major Writing Requirement:** ENGL 303 (with a grade of C- or better)

**Core requirements:** Courses are to be selected by the student in consultation with a member of the Advisory Committee

### Required Courses

ENGL220/ANTH 204 Study of Language  
 ENGL 303 History of the English Language  
 ENGL 304 Generative Syntax  
 ENGL 307 Phonetics and Phonology  
 ENGL/ANTH 418 Language Patterns  
 ENGL 405/ANTH 412 Descriptive Linguistics  
 ENGL 406/ANTH 413 Language & Society or ENGL/  
 ANTH 415 Linguistic Anthropology – although both  
 may be taken

### Electives

ENGL 404/ANTH 411 Historical Linguistics  
 ENGL 400 Meaning and Understanding in Western  
 Cultural Thought  
 ENGL 464 Special Topics in Linguistics – may be repeated  
 when topics vary  
 ENGL 474 Research Seminar in Linguistics  
 INTR 480 Independent Study  
 INTR 495-496 Honors Thesis  
 One semester of a non-Indo-European language

The student may propose other courses to count towards the major. Such choices will be approved on a case-by-case basis, depending on the Advisory Committee's assessment of the overall coherence of the student's proposed major program. Examples of such courses include but are not limited to:

ANTH 440 Primate Cognition and Communication  
 FREN 410 French Philology  
 HISP 387 Sound, Meaning and Identity  
 MDLL 346 Foreign language Acquisition Processes:  
 Theory and Practice  
 PHIL 406 Philosophy of Language  
 ARAB 304 Introduction to Arabic Dialects

Students with appropriate qualifications can pursue Honors work in linguistics. After approval of their program of study by the Advisory Committee and the Director of the Charles Center, they will be enrolled during their senior year in Interdisciplinary Studies 495 and 496.

## Requirements for Minor

**Required Credit Hours:** 19

**Core requirements:** selected from ENGL220/ANTH 204, ENGL 303, 304, 307, 400, ENGL 404/ANTH 411, ENGL 405/ANTH 412, ENGL 406/ANTH 413, ENGL/ANTH 415, ENGL/ANTH 418, ENGL 464, 474, INTR 480.