

## 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 405/ANTH 412 (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 410	Language Attitudes
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 304	French Phonetics and Diction
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.