



# Linguistics

A new undergraduate major in Fall 2025



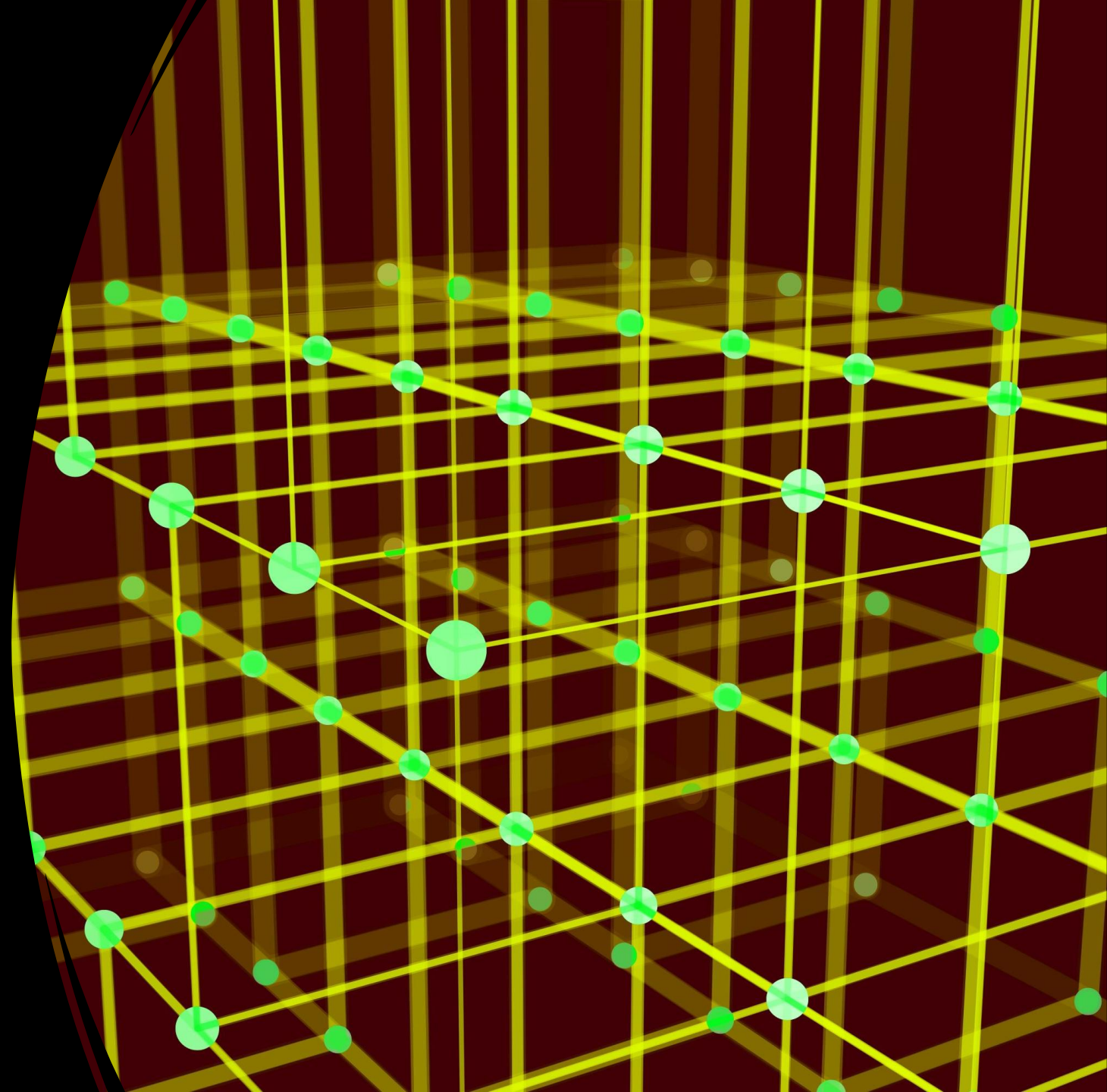
# what is Linguistics?

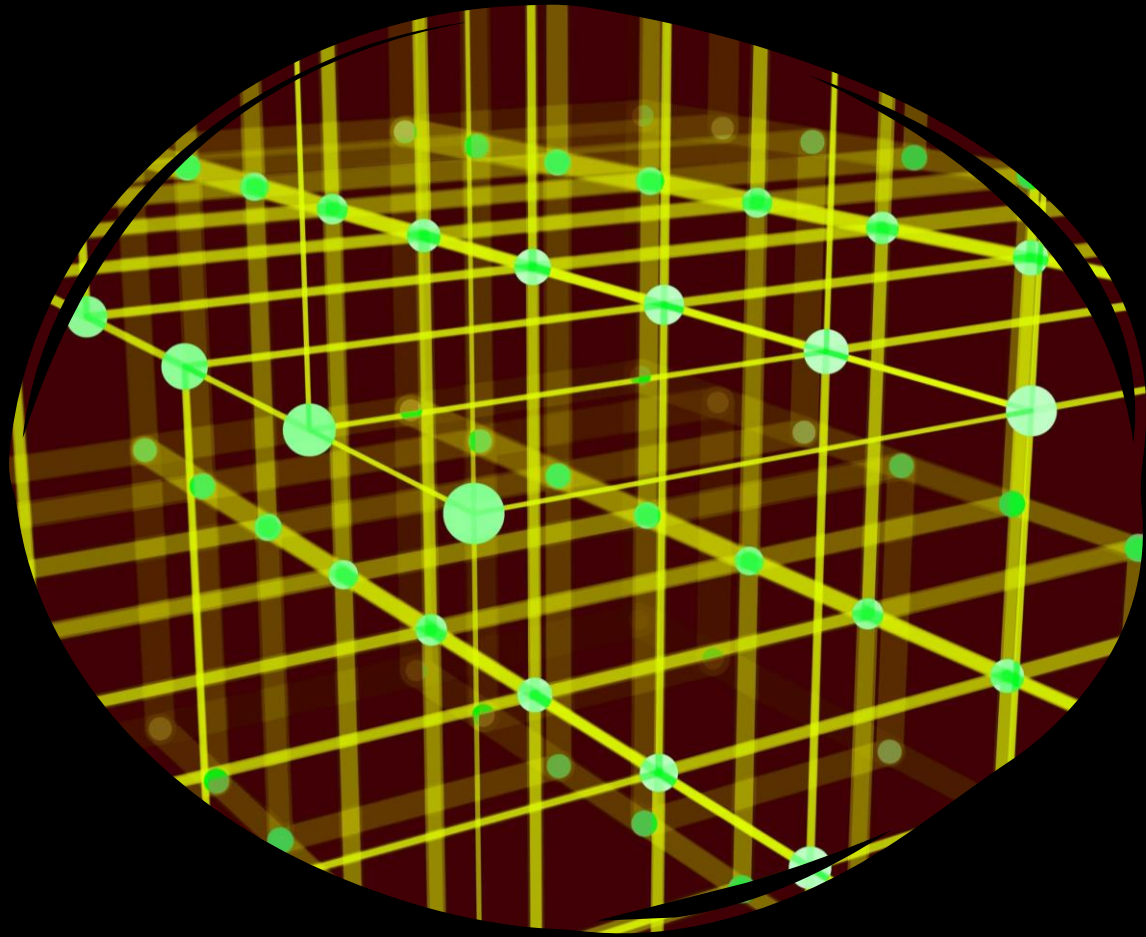
Linguistics is the study of the structure of language and how humans use language in context.

# structure

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- sounds
- forms
- meanings





# using language

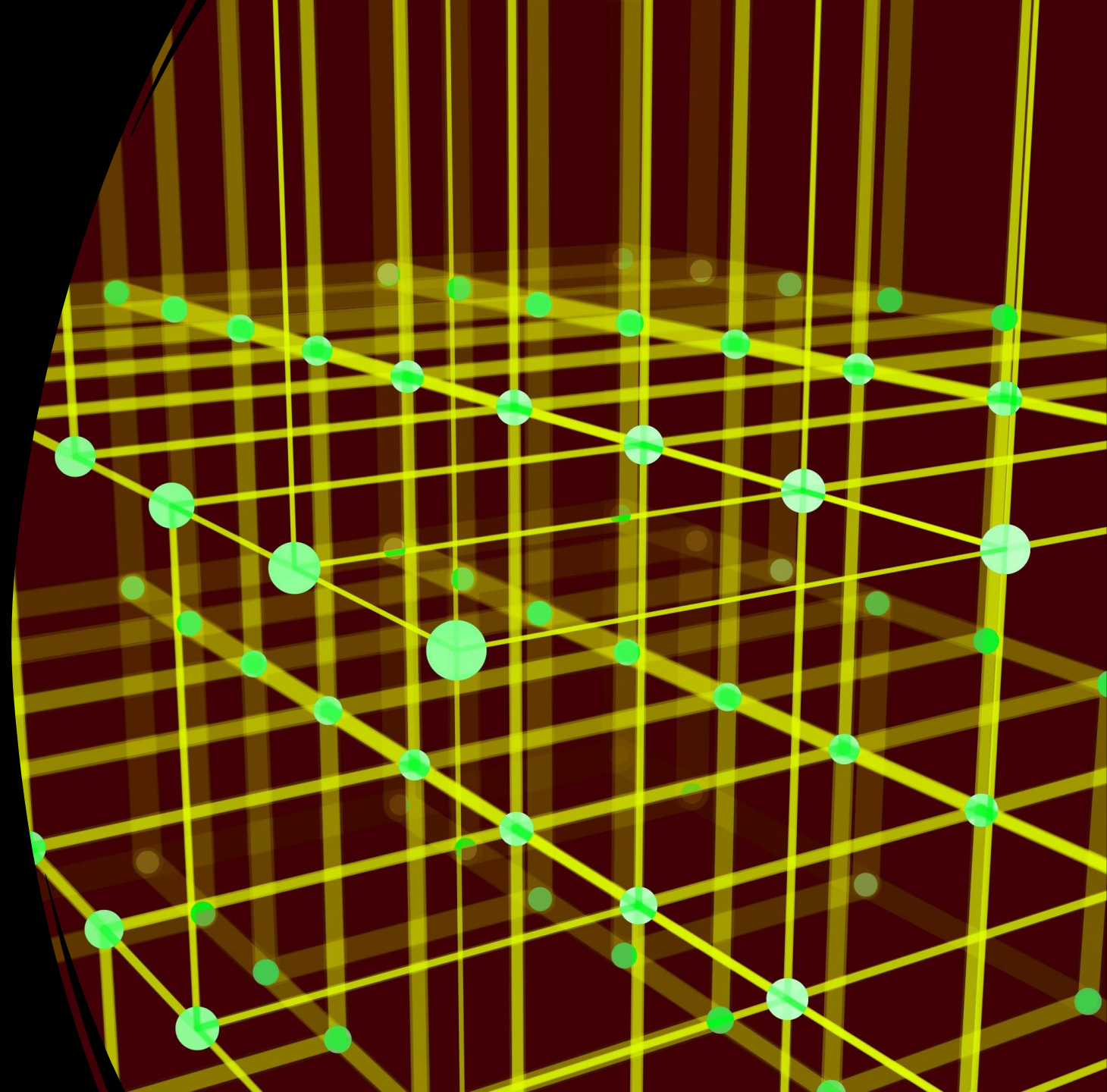
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- social moves
- communicating identities
- having conversation

# and

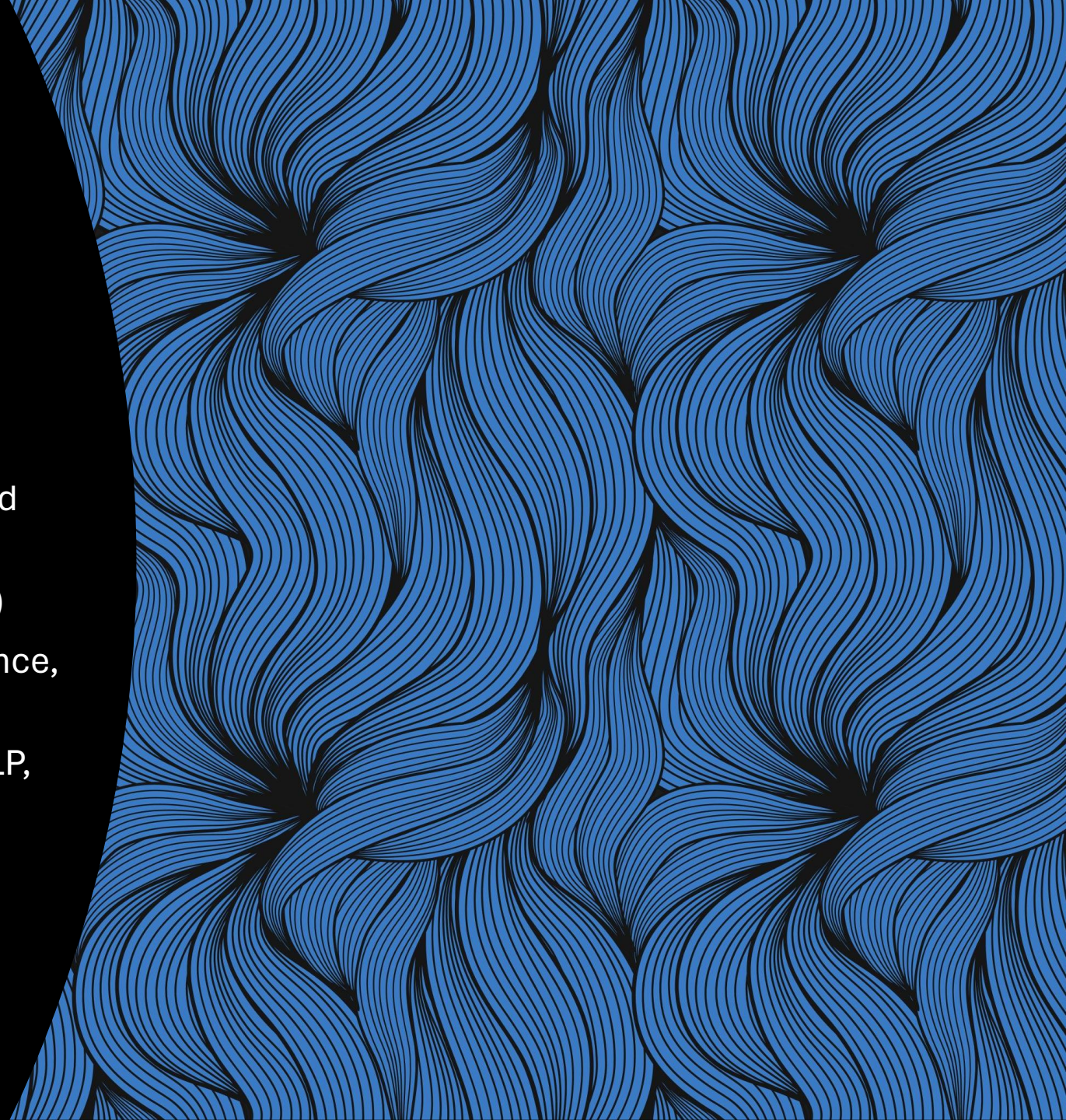
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- how languages change over time
- how the brain works when we speak and understand language
- how do we become bi/multi-lingual



# What kinds of students LOVE linguistics?

- Students who like languages (learning them and creating them)
- Students who love puzzles and games (words and numbers)
- Students who want to teach English (at any level)
- Students who love programming, computer science, and/or AI
- Students who are passionate about careers in SLP, speech therapy, or memory care
- Students who are interested in social media and online communication




# Where will students go?

- Software/hardware/AI engineering firms
- Health care/medical language applications
- Legal interpretation consulting
- Military/government/NGO translation/analysis
- Speech/language pathologist/therapist (across the lifespan)
- Secondary Ed (English and foreign languages)

# the linguistics major: flexible, bottleneck-free, and focused on career goals

- Introduction to Linguistics (pre/co-req)
- 3 of 4 in Sounds, Forms, Meanings, and Lang Variation & Change
- Electives that can draw from computer/data science, SLP, languages, education, and political science
- Integrative courses with hands-on components
- Built-in courses with VSR, GSS, and ARP





questions or ideas?

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