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

- sounds
- forms
- meanings
using language

- social moves
- communicating identities
- having conversation
• 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/Al 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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