

# LINGUISTICS, BA

Linguistics is the scientific study of language. Students of linguistics do not necessarily seek fluency in a second or third language. Instead, they study the components that make up any given language - the syntax, the grammar, the regional differences, the slang, the pronunciations, the symbols, the changes over time, how people learn a language, and more.

At UWM, Linguistics students can opt for a broad linguistics major which will touch on all aspects of language development and learning. Or, students can choose an applied linguistics major which will focus more on using the principles of linguistics in a business setting such as in the classroom to help students learn a second language, in a social service agency that deals with illiteracy, or at a software company working on search engine optimization terms.

Many students find that acquiring advanced fluency in a second or third language beyond their native tongue is helpful for understanding the commonalities and differences between languages. However, no additional foreign language is required beyond the standard requirement for Letters & Science students - four years in high school of the same language or four semesters in college of the same language.

## Requirements

### Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 90 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

### University General Education Requirements (GER)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Oral and Written Communication</b>		
<i>Part A</i>		
ENGLISH 102	College Writing and Research (or equivalent)	
<i>Part B</i>		
Course designated as OWC-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement		
<b>Quantitative Literacy</b>		
<i>Part A</i>		
Select one of the following:		
MATH 103	Contemporary Applications of Mathematics	
MATH 105	Introduction to College Algebra	
MATH 108	Algebraic Literacy II	
MATH 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning <sup>1</sup>	

or PHILOS 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning	
Or equivalent course		
<i>Part B</i>		
Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement		
<b>Arts</b>		
Select 3 credits		3
<b>Humanities</b>		
Select 6 credits		6
<b>Social Sciences</b>		
Select 6 credits		6
<b>Natural Sciences</b>		
Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab)		6
<b>UWM Foreign Language Requirement</b>		
Complete Foreign Language Requirement through:		
Two years (high school) of a single foreign language		
Two semesters (college) of a single foreign language		
Or equivalent		
<b>UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement</b>		
One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM's Cultural Diversity requirement		

<sup>1</sup> Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

## College of Letters & Science Requirements

### I. English Writing Requirement

Students must satisfy the English Writing Requirement by completing ENGLISH 102 with a grade of C or higher or by placing beyond ENGLISH 102 on the English Placement Test (EPT).

**Note:** This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part A. The College of Letters & Science does not have a specific requirement for a writing course beyond English 102, but students must complete the university-wide requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part B listed above.

### II. Mathematics and Formal Reasoning

To satisfy the Mathematics and Formal Reasoning Requirement, students must satisfy the following two requirements:

1. Achieve a Math Placement score of at least 30 or earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course:

Code	Title	Credits
MATH 102	Mathematical Literacy for College Students II	3
MATH 103	Contemporary Applications of Mathematics	3
MATH 105	Introduction to College Algebra	3
MATH 108	Algebraic Literacy II	3
MATH 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning <sup>1</sup>	3
or PHILOS 111	Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning	

MATH 175	Mathematical Explorations for Elementary Teachers I	3
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<sup>1</sup> Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

**Note:** This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part A, listed above.

2. Complete one course (at least 3 credits) at the 200 level or above chosen from courses in Mathematics, PHILOS 211, or Letters and Science statistics courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Complete one of the following:		
3 or more credits in any 200-level or above Math course		
AFRIC 220	Introduction to Statistics in African and African Diaspora Studies	
ANTHRO 568	Introduction to Anthropological Statistics	
ATM SCI 500	Statistical Methods in Atmospheric Sciences	
BIO SCI 465	Biostatistics	
ECON 210	Economic Statistics	
GEOG 247	Quantitative Analysis in Geography	
HIST 595	The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data	
MTHSTAT 215	Elementary Statistical Analysis	
PHILOS 211	Elementary Logic	
POL SCI 390	Political Data Analysis	
POL SCI 392	Survey Research	
PSYCH 210	Psychological Statistics	
SOCIOL 261	Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology	

**Note:** This requirement is *NOT* the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part B. To complete the BA, students must take one of the L&S approved courses. The courses listed here will satisfy the QL-B requirement.

### III. Foreign Language Requirement

Placement testing may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Foreign Language GER, but not vice versa.

Code	Title	Credits
Completed in one of the following ways: 0-18		
Successful completion of the 4th semester of college work or equivalent in one language other than English (including American Sign Language)		

Successful completion of the 3rd semester of college work or equivalent in one language other than English (including American Sign Language) PLUS the 2nd semester of college work or equivalent in another language other than English (including American Sign Language)

### IV. International Requirement

See Approved Courses for the L&S International Requirement (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement>) for course options.

Code	Title	Credits
Completed in one of the following ways:		9
Complete 3 courses (min. 9 cr) in a single foreign language (not including literature-in-translation or American Sign Language) at the 3rd semester level and above		
Complete 3 non-language courses (min. 9 credits) with an international content chosen from at least 2 curricular areas.		
Complete 9 credits in combination of the two options above.		

### V. Breadth Requirement

Along with completing the University General Education Requirements of 3 credits in the Arts (A); 6 credits in the Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), and Natural Sciences (NS/NS+); and a course with the Cultural Diversity (CD/+) designation, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Arts</b>		
Select 3 credits		3
<b>Humanities</b>		
Complete 12 credits of L&S courses with Humanities Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single subject area. *		12
<b>Social Sciences</b>		
Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Social Science Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. *		12
<b>Natural Sciences</b>		
Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Natural Sciences Breadth designation, including at least one laboratory or field course; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. *		12
<b>Cultural Diversity</b>		
Complete 3 credits in a course with Cultural Diversity (CD) designation. **		3

\* Students should check their course selections carefully with the list of approved L&S Breadth Courses (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list>). Students are advised to select at least 6 credits worth of courses in each of the Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Sciences areas that can satisfy both the campus-wide General Education Requirements and the L&S Breadth requirement.

\*\* Students are advised to select a course that satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement as well as a Humanities or Social Science breadth/GER requirement.

### VI. The Major

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including

any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

### Research Requirement

Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement>).

### VII. The Minor

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.

## Linguistics Major Requirements

The undergraduate major in linguistics may be obtained by pursuing either the general major option or the applied major option. Students must complete 30 credits in either the general major option or the applied major option. Students must complete at least 15 upper-division (numbered 300 and above) credits in the major in residence at UWM. The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA on all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. The College also requires students to complete a research experience in their major.

### Major Options

#### General Linguistics Major Option

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Basic Requirements</b>		
LINGUIS 350	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LINGUIS 450	General Phonetics and Phonetics Practicum	3
LINGUIS 460	Introduction to Phonology	3
LINGUIS 464	Introduction to Syntax	3
<b>Special Requirements</b>		
Select at least three of the following:		9
LINGUIS 415	First Language Acquisition	
LINGUIS 420	Introduction to Second Language Acquisition	
LINGUIS 430	Language and Society	
LINGUIS 466	Semantics	
LINGUIS 468	Language in its Various Forms:	
LINGUIS 470	Historical/Comparative Linguistics	
LINGUIS 474	Language Typology and Language Universals	
LINGUIS 560	Advanced Phonology	
LINGUIS 564	Advanced Syntax	
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 9 credits <sup>1</sup>		9
Total Credits		30

<sup>1</sup> Coursework in linguistics and related areas, selected from the approved electives list (see below) in consultation with an advisor in the Linguistics program.

#### Applied Linguistics Major Option

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Basic Requirements</b>		
LINGUIS 350	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LINGUIS 420	Introduction to Second Language Acquisition	3
LINGUIS/ANTHRO 570 or LINGUIS 430	Issues in Bilingualism Language and Society	3
LINGUIS 450	General Phonetics and Phonetics Practicum	3
LINGUIS 460	Introduction to Phonology	3
LINGUIS 464	Introduction to Syntax	3
<b>Special Requirements</b>		
Select at least two of the following:		6
LINGUIS 410	Literacy, Grammar, and Methodologies in ESL Education	
LINGUIS 415	First Language Acquisition	
LINGUIS 432	Urban Dialects	
LINGUIS 440	Psycholinguistics	
LINGUIS 468	Language in its Various Forms:	
LINGUIS 565	Introduction to Adult/University Level TESOL	
LINGUIS 567	Materials for ESL Instruction	
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 6 credits <sup>1</sup>		6
Total Credits		30

<sup>1</sup> Coursework in linguistics and related areas, selected from the approved electives list (see below) in consultation with an advisor in the Linguistics program.

#### Linguistics Major Approved Electives

Code	Title	Credits
All linguistics courses not selected to meet a specific requirement in the option		
All language courses (does not include literature courses)		
The following courses offered by other units:		
ANTHRO 105	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 362	System Failure: Globalization and Language Extinction	3
ANTHRO 641	Seminar in Anthropology: (with linguistics subtitle)	3
COMMUN 320	Nonverbal Communication	3
COMMUN 350	Intercultural Communication	3
COMSDIS 230	Introduction to Phonetics	4
COMSDIS 240	Normal Speech and Language Development	3
COMPSCI 132	Introduction to Computers and Programming	3
COMPSCI 423	Introduction to Natural Language Processing	3

COMPSCI 431	Programming Languages Concepts	3
ENGLISH 211	Aspects of the English Language:	3
ENGLISH/LINGUIS 400	Introduction to English Linguistics	3
ENGLISH 402	Theories of Language and Literature: (with language focus)	3
ENGLISH 403	Survey of Modern English Grammar	3
FRENCH 392	Phonetics	3
GERMAN 451	Introduction to German Linguistics	3
GERMAN 671	Seminar on Phonetics	3
PHILOS 211	Elementary Logic	3
PHILOS 212	Modern Deductive Logic	3
PHILOS 511	Symbolic Logic	3
PHILOS 516	Language and Meaning	3
PHILOS 517	Special Problems in the Philosophy of Language and Linguistics:	3
SPANISH 341	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	3
SPANISH 443	Spanish Phonetics and Phonology	3
SPANISH 444	Spanish Syntax and Morphology	3
SPANISH 446	Hispanic Sociolinguistics	3
SPANISH 541	History of the Spanish Language	3

## Letters & Science Advising

The College of Letters and Science provides general academic advising for all students with a major in the College, particularly as it relates to campus' general education requirements and the College's degree requirements. We also provide specialized advising for pre-professional students (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, etc.) regardless if their major is in Letters and Science or not. Prospective students, including high school students and students seeking to transfer to a program in Letters and Science may also receive advising from our admissions counselors.

Upon admission, students are assigned an advisor in the College advising office. Academic advising is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Appointments outside of these times may be available and phone appointments are available for online students. The advising office (<https://uwm.edu/letters-science/advising/contact-advising>) is located on the first floor of Holton Hall. Current students should call (414) 229-4654 to schedule an appointment or use the Student Success Collaborative website (<https://uwmilwaukee.campus.eab.com>) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor; online scheduling is only available if you already have a Letters & Science advisor assigned to you. Prospective students should call (414) 229-7711 or email [let-sci@uwm.edu](mailto:let-sci@uwm.edu).

When students declare a major, they will receive an additional faculty advisor located within the major department who will assist with requirements for that major. Students should read the "Declaration of Major" information on the website of the major that they are interested in. In some cases, the student will need to choose a faculty advisor as part of the declaration process.

All students are cautioned to consult their Letters & Science academic advisor AND their major advisor prior to each registration period to ensure they understand all requirements. Do not rely on pre-printed sample plans, as they are intended to be samples only and may not be right for your particular situation.

## Honors in the College of Letters and Science

### Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

### Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/honors-college>) section of this site.

### Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. In schools and colleges in which fewer than 15% of the traditional students have a 3.500 GPA, all-university honors will be awarded to approximately the top 15% of graduating students. A criterion GPA (not lower than 3.200) for this 15% will be calculated based on statistics from the previous comparable semester. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

### Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.

### Contact Information

Current Students contact Assistant Professor Anne Pycha, [pycha@uwm.edu](mailto:pycha@uwm.edu)

Prospective Students contact a Letters & Science Admissions Counselor at  
(414) 229-7711 or [let-sci@uwm.edu](mailto:let-sci@uwm.edu)

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