

# LINGUISTICS, MINOR

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 minor which will touch on all aspects of language development and learning. Or, students can choose an applied linguistics minor 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 majors: four years in high school of the same language or four semesters in college of the same language.

## Requirements

Students must complete at least 9 upper-division (numbered 300 and above) credits in the minor in residence at UWM. The College requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA on all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including transfer work.

### General Linguistics Minor Option

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Basic Requirements</b>		
LINGUIS 350	Introduction to Linguistics	3
or LINGUIS 430	Language and Society	
Select one of the following:		3
LINGUIS 415	First Language Acquisition	
LINGUIS 460	Introduction to Phonology	
LINGUIS 464	Introduction to Syntax	
LINGUIS 468	Language in its Various Forms:	
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 9 credits <sup>1</sup>		9
Total Credits		15

<sup>1</sup> Coursework in linguistics and related areas, selected from the approved electives list (see above) in consultation with an advisor in the Linguistics program. Students are encouraged to focus their electives in an area closely aligned with the study of linguistics, including various foreign languages, English, anthropology, philosophy, computer science, and education, among others.

### Applied Linguistics Minor Option

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Basic Requirements</b>		
LINGUIS 350	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LINGUIS 420	Introduction to Second Language Acquisition	3
LINGUIS 430	Language and Society	3

ANTHRO/LINGUIS 570	Issues in Bilingualism	3
Select one of the following:		3
LINGUIS 415	First Language Acquisition	
LINGUIS 460	Introduction to Phonology	
LINGUIS 464	Introduction to Syntax	
LINGUIS 468	Language in its Various Forms:	
LINGUIS 565	Introduction to Adult/University Level TESOL	
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 3 credits <sup>1</sup>		3
Total Credits		18

<sup>1</sup> Coursework in linguistics and related areas, selected from the approved electives list (see above) in consultation with an advisor in the Linguistics program. Students are encouraged to focus their electives in an area closely aligned with the study of linguistics, including various foreign languages, English, anthropology, philosophy, computer science, and education, among others.

### Contact Information

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