

WHAT IS LINGUISTICS?

Linguistics is the study of human language. Linguists study how humans learn languages as children and adults, how languages are structured, how they are used in society, and how they vary across cultures. Linguists study both spoken and sign languages, as well as the use of language in technology (computational languages, internet, social media, AI, etc.)



OUR PROGRAMS

THE LINGUISTICS MINOR

An 18-credit (6-course) program that focuses on the basis of linguistics, allowing you to double-dip with many Gen-Ed electives and courses in majors like Communication Sciences and Disorders, English, Languages, Anthropology, Communication Studies, and Computer Science.

Courses: LIN230 + ENG331 (core) and 4 electives

THE LINGUISTICS MAJOR

A 36-credit (12-course) program that will allow you to develop a strong foundation in several basic areas of linguistics, and to specialize in other prominent sub-fields (sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, historical linguistics, anthropological linguistics, language and communication, computational linguistics, and more!). Double-dipping and double majoring in CSD, ENG, SPA, FRE, GER, COM, and ANT courses possible!

Why study linguistics at WCU?



BE COMPETITIVE!

A minor or major in linguistics will position you for careers and further education in some of the fastest-growing job areas (speech processing, computer programming, translation and interpretation, big data analysis, forensic linguistics).

A GREAT COMPLEMENT TO YOUR MAJOR

Make your CV stand out among other majors in your area by adding a concentration in linguistics!

MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR WCU CREDITS!

Double dipping with Gen-Ed and/or major courses makes a minor or major in linguistics at WCU a feasible, smart option you don't want to miss out on!



THE WCU LINGUISTICS PROGRAM

LINGUISTICS MINOR
LINGUISTICS BA



Other opportunities

WCU LINGUISTICS SOCIETY

WCU's own student linguistics club, the Linguistics Society organizes events, film viewing, games, and other fun linguistics-focused activities!

SPRING SPEAKER SERIES

Join us for presentations on the latest research in linguistics by scholars from around the country and abroad! Organized yearly since 2016 and open to the public.



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