

LINGUISTICS

Linguistics, an interdisciplinary program at West Chester University, is designed for students who enjoy exploring the intrigues and intricacies of language and language-related behavior. It is of special relevance to students whose academic and career interests are rooted in an understanding of language and language behavior.

The linguistics program provides you, as a student, with opportunities to examine the systematic knowledge that people have of the elements and processes of language. The program also engages you in examining how language is related to other aspects of human behavior: social, psychological, philosophical, cultural, and historical.

Career Opportunities

If you are preparing to enter fields such as psychology, law, and computer science, which depend on one's ability to approach language analytically and precisely, you may find linguistics a valuable minor by enhancing your ability to grasp and apply basic concepts in these fields. Other fields where linguistics is useful include anthropology, communication studies, communicative disorders, computer science, education, English, world languages, philosophy, psychology, and sociology.

The minor in linguistics also gives you the option and the opportunity to go on to graduate study in fields requiring analytical approaches to language, such as linguistics, world languages, and the increasingly important area of TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages).

Program Offered

Minor in Linguistics. Course work for this interdisciplinary program includes 18 semester hours: two required courses (Introduction to Linguistics and Structures of Modern English) and four electives from approximately 30 courses in a variety of departments.

Typical Courses

Advanced French Phonetics
Introduction to Linguistics

Introduction to Meaning

Language Communities in the United States and Canada

Logic

Spanish Phonetics

Speech and Hearing Science

Structure of Modern English

Teaching English Language Learners K-12

Related Student Activities

Linguistics Club

For More Information

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Undergraduate Catalog: http://www.wcupa.edu/_information/official.documents/undergrad.catalog/

About West Chester University

A comprehensive, public institution, West Chester University offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certification and certificate programs. As one of the largest members of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate de-

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grees and, as a result, dropped “Teachers” from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school acquired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, along with 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic

corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington.

Information on Admission

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