

# LINGUISTICS (LINGUIS)

## LINGUIS 101 – HUMAN LANGUAGE

3 credits.

Elementary theory and practical work in phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax, with attention to formal grammar.

**Requisites:** Not open to students with credit for LINGUIS/ANTHRO 301.

**Course Designation:** Breadth – Humanities

Level – Elementary

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

## LINGUIS/ANTHRO/FOLKLORE/INTL ST 211 – GLOBAL LANGUAGE ISSUES

3 credits.

Focuses on language and its culture, example topics include: extinction and revival, language and nationhood, how widely and deeply languages differ, language and worldview, writing systems and literacy, language discrimination and inequality.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Elementary

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Identify ways that geographic, social, and political events, movements, and trends shape the sociolinguistic context of the world's languages \n Audience: Undergraduate

2. Demonstrate an understanding of subfields of global sociolinguistic inquiry, including language contact, variation, change, and death; language revitalization; the intersections of language, race, and ethnicity; the intersections of language and gender, and sexuality \n Audience: Undergraduate

3. Critically evaluate specific examples of language use in a variety of linguistic and cultural contexts Audience: Undergraduate

4. Design and conduct a sociocultural linguistic research project, including: identify a research question; collect appropriate resources and data; conduct data analysis and interpretation; draw conclusions, and summarize results \n Audience: Undergraduate

## LINGUIS 213 – TOPICS IN SOCIOLINGUISTICS

3 credits.

Introduction to sociolinguistics through study of a particular topic. Focuses on how language is shaped by social factors such as gender, ethnicity, education, social status, and geographic location.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science Level – Elementary

L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Read and critically evaluate published research in academic journals. Audience: Undergraduate

2. Summarize key research questions surrounding a specific topic in sociolinguistics. Audience: Undergraduate

3. Identify, compare, and contrast major theoretical frameworks on a specific topic in sociolinguistics. Audience: Undergraduate

4. Interpret results of various data collection methods relevant to topics in sociolinguistics (quantitative, qualitative, experimental, etc.). Audience: Undergraduate

5. Describe and critically evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of different methodological and analytical approaches in sociolinguistics. Audience: Undergraduate

6. Identify and discuss the relationship between features of human society and some aspect of language. Audience: Undergraduate

7. Examine and discuss your own beliefs about languages and language users and how these beliefs inform our use of language in interaction. Audience: Undergraduate

**LINGUIS 237 – LANGUAGE IN WISCONSIN**

3 credits.

For millennia, the place we now call Wisconsin has been home to countless languages and dialects: Indigenous languages, immigrant/refugee languages and English. How and when did people learn English and when and why did they begin to speak only English? How has English developed in distinctive ways here? Do hands-on, original research to answer these and related questions about English and other languages past and present in Wisconsin. Examine social and historical issues and issues of linguistic structure, drawing on local histories, archival data, Census records and audio recordings, with opportunities to do fieldwork in communities across the state and the region.

**Requisites:** None**Course Designation:** Breadth – Either Humanities or Social Science

Level – Elementary

L&amp;S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2023**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Gather and analyze data from various sources (fieldwork, surveys, census records, local histories, archives, recordings)

Audience: Undergraduate

2. Develop hypotheses about language in Wisconsin, e.g. why particular linguistic features have appeared or disappeared, or how people understand language issues including bilingualism Audience: Undergraduate

3. Apply tools from linguistics, historical linguistics, sociolinguistics and other fields to test hypotheses Audience: Undergraduate

4. Do original research on a historical or sociolinguistic topic. Audience: Undergraduate

5. Write up findings in formats appropriate for audiences of linguists and the general public, including substantial revision and rewriting of at least two papers over the course of the semester. Audience: Undergraduate

**LINGUIS 299 – DIRECTED STUDY**

1-4 credits.

Directed study projects as arranged with a faculty member.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor**Course Designation:** Level – Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2022**LINGUIS/ANTHRO 301 – INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS: DESCRIPTIVE AND THEORETICAL**

3 credits.

Elementary theory and practical work in phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax, with attention to formal grammar.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing. Not open to students with credit for LINGUIS 101.**Course Designation:** Breadth – Humanities

Level – Elementary

L&amp;S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

Grad 50% – Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**LINGUIS 303 – HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS**

3 credits.

Understanding language change; relation of variation and change to formal properties of human language; consideration of linguistic typology, basic concepts and methods of diachronic analysis. Topics include: language classification and reconstruction; language and social identity, geography, and power; language contact; registers; writing systems.

**Requisites:** (LINGUIS 101 or 301), ENGL 417, ASIAN 631, GERMAN 650, PORTUG/FRENCH/ITALIAN/SPANISH 429, or SCAND ST 415

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Identify patterns of change in human language  
Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

2. Organize and analyze data on language change Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

3. Apply theories of change to analyze data from familiar and unfamiliar languages Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

4. Describe patterns of language change, common accounts for those patterns and how they are grounded in understanding language generally  
Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

5. Apply the Comparative Method to evaluate linguistic reconstruction  
Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

6. Understand and critically evaluate research on language change  
Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

7. Critically evaluate theoretical and empirical arguments for competing linguistic analyses of changes Audience: Graduate

8. Integrate structural and social accounts of language change into a holistic analysis Audience: Graduate

9. Formulate and develop support for new hypotheses for the analysis of language change Audience: Graduate

**LINGUIS 306 – GENERAL PHONETICS**

3 credits.

Theory of articulatory phonetics; practice in recognition, reproduction, and transcription of speech sounds and features in various languages.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 101 or 301

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2017

**LINGUIS 309 – GRAMMATICAL VARIABILITY OF LANGUAGE**

3 credits.

Introduction to theories of variation among world languages, focusing on syntactic phenomena.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 101 or 301

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

**LINGUIS 310 – PHONOLOGY**

3 credits.

Analysis and formal statement of phonological systems; problems and methods of phonological theory.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 101 or 301

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**LINGUIS 322 – MORPHOLOGY**

3 credits.

Morphological characteristics of the world's languages. Introduction to theoretical approaches to morphology. Interaction between morphology and syntax; morphology and phonology.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 101 or 301

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**LINGUIS 330 – SYNTAX**

3 credits.

Grammatical theory; types of elements and processes usable in syntactic description of various sorts.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 101 or 301

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**LINGUIS 340 – SEMANTICS**

3 credits.

Meaning in natural languages, relationship between syntax and semantics, compositional semantics.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 330

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**LINGUIS 351 – AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 1**

4 credits.

An introduction to elementary skills in production and comprehension of American Sign Language (ASL), with a communicative focus. Basics of ASL vocabulary, structure, and grammar, and the North American manual alphabet. Develop basic conversational abilities, culturally appropriate behaviors, and learn about the culture and history of Deaf communities.

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 1st semester language course

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Recognize and produce elementary ASL vocabulary items. Audience: Undergraduate

2. Recognize and produce elementary grammatical structures in ASL, including the use of manual and non-manual parameters. Audience: Undergraduate

3. Identify grammatical features within short dialogues and narratives in ASL. Audience: Undergraduate

4. Comprehend short dialogues and narratives in ASL. Audience: Undergraduate

5. Demonstrate behaviors that facilitate and regulate signed conversation, such as attention-getting techniques and turn-taking signals. Audience: Undergraduate

6. Demonstrate the ability to create, conduct and terminate a short content-specific conversation in ASL. Audience: Undergraduate

7. Demonstrate an elementary knowledge of Deaf Culture, including being able to identify markers of Deaf Culture in artifacts and behaviors. Audience: Undergraduate

8. Demonstrate knowledge of historical topics as they relate to the Deaf community, such as important figures and institutions in Deaf Culture. Audience: Undergraduate

**LINGUIS 352 – AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 2**

4 credits.

Develop comprehension and production abilities in American Sign Language (ASL). Recognition and demonstration of more sophisticated grammatical features of ASL, focusing on increasing fluency and accuracy. Develop cultural awareness of the Deaf communities of the world.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 351

**Course Designation:** Frgn Lang - 2nd semester language course

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Recognize and produce vocabulary items. Audience: Undergraduate

2. Express daily function dialogues and signed ASL stories utilizing ASL techniques while incorporating vocabulary, grammatical principles, and cultural awareness. Audience: Undergraduate

3. Recognize and produce basic grammatical structures in ASL, including the use of manual and non-manual parameters. Audience: Undergraduate

4. Apply critical thinking skills in understanding ASL literature as it relates to Deaf Culture. Audience: Undergraduate

5. Use behaviors that facilitate and regulate signed conversation, such as attention-getting techniques and turn-taking signals. Audience: Undergraduate

6. Create, conduct, and terminate a conversation in ASL in a range of common contexts. Audience: Undergraduate

7. Identify markers of Deaf Culture in artifacts and behaviors. Audience: Undergraduate

8. Discuss historical topics as they relate to the Deaf community, such as important figures and institutions in Deaf Culture. Audience: Undergraduate

**LINGUIS/AMER IND 371 – SURVEY OF NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN LANGUAGES**

3 credits.

Overview of native languages of North America, including topics such as history, distribution, diversity, government policy, language endangerment, elaboration of cultural domains, language and worldview, speech styles, language structure (phonology, morphology, grammatical categories), performance (narrative, song), writing systems.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**LINGUIS 373 – TOPICS IN LINGUISTICS**

3 credits.

Study of a particular topic in linguistics.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 101 or 301

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**LINGUIS 375 – SIGN LANGUAGE LINGUISTICS**

3 credits.

Introduction and overview of the linguistics of sign languages, signing communities, and perceptions of deaf people and sign languages. Topics include: the grammar of sign languages, their use in signing communities, patterns in the transmission and acquisition of sign languages, and the emergence of new sign languages.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 101 or ANTHRO/LINGUIS 301

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Recognize false assumptions and claims about sign languages and challenge them Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

2. Discuss key concepts, terms, and debates in the study of sign languages and their linguistic structure Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

3. Compare different theoretical approaches to sign language linguistics Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

4. Discuss the ways that the study of sign languages expands and enhances our understanding of human languages Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

5. Demonstrate understanding that deafness and sign languages are valuable parts of cultural and linguistic diversity Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

6. Describe ways to increase and advocate for accessibility and inclusivity for minoritized languages and communities Audience: Both Grad Undergrad

7. Evaluate and critique different theoretical approaches to sign language linguistics Audience: Graduate

8. Compare models of sign languages and spoken languages at all levels of linguistic analysis: phonology, morphology, syntax and discourse Audience: Graduate

**LINGUIS 426 – FIELD METHODS I**

3 credits.

Collection and analysis of phonetic, phonological, and morphological data from a particular language, using one or more speakers as consultants.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 310

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2019

**LINGUIS 427 – FIELD METHODS II**

3 credits.

Collection and analysis of morphological, syntactic, and semantic data from a particular language, using one or more speakers as consultants.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 310 and (LINGUIS 322 or 330)

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2022

**LINGUIS/ANTHRO 430 – LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

3-4 credits.

The relationship of language as a communication system to the culture transmitted by it. Principle problems in the interrelations of language and nonlinguistic human behavior.

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2022

**LINGUIS 481 – JUNIOR HONORS TUTORIAL**

1 credit.

Mentored individual research for those pursuing Honors in the Major.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**LINGUIS 482 – JUNIOR HONORS TUTORIAL**

1 credit.

Mentored individual research for those pursuing Honors in the Major.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

**LINGUIS 510 – PHONOLOGICAL THEORIES**

3 credits.

Theories of phonology, and advanced phonological description.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 310

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**LINGUIS 522 – ADVANCED MORPHOLOGY**

3 credits.

Advanced morphological theory.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 322

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**LINGUIS 530 – SYNTACTIC THEORIES**

3 credits.

Theories of syntax, and syntactic description. The relation of syntax to semantics, and other aspects of linguistic theory.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 330

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**LINGUIS 571 – STRUCTURE OF A LANGUAGE**

3 credits.

In-depth study of all components of the grammar of a language.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 310 and 330

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Humanities

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**LINGUIS 583 – SENIOR HONORS TUTORIAL**

1 credit.

Mentored individual research for those pursuing Honors in the Major.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Fall 2018

**LINGUIS 610 – TOPICS IN PHONOLOGICAL THEORY**

3 credits.

In-depth examination of a single phonological theory or a single area of recent phonological research.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 510 or declared in Linguistics MA or PHD

**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2017

**LINGUIS 681 – HONORS SEMINAR-SENIOR THESIS**

3 credits.

Mentored individual research and study for students completing a thesis in an Honors program.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2022

**LINGUIS 682 – HONORS SEMINAR-SENIOR THESIS**

3 credits.

Mentored individual research and study for students completing a thesis in an Honors program.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

Honors - Honors Only Courses (H)

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

**LINGUIS 690 – CAPSTONE IN LINGUISTICS**

3 credits.

In-depth exploration of a particular topic in linguistics. Training in data collection methodologies. Experience gathering, organizing, and analyzing linguistic data as part of a supervised research project.

**Requisites:** LINGUIS 310, 322, and 330

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Either Humanities or Social Science

Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**Learning Outcomes:** 1. Organize and analyze linguistic data Audience: Undergraduate

2. Develop an original research question Audience: Undergraduate

3. Design and carry out an independent research project Audience: Undergraduate

4. Write a paper situating the analysis in an understanding of linguistic theory and tradition Audience: Undergraduate

**LINGUIS 699 – INDEPENDENT READING**

1-6 credits.

Advanced directed study projects as arranged with a faculty member.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Level - Advanced

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**LINGUIS 800 – RESEARCH METHODS AND MATERIALS**

3 credits.

Professionalization activities for linguists, including writing and publishing, submitting abstracts to conferences, and creating CVs.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2023

**LINGUIS 977 – SEMINAR**

2-3 credits.

Critical examination of selected issues in linguistics.

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024

**LINGUIS 990 – THESIS**

1-12 credits.

Research in connection with the doctoral thesis.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2023

**LINGUIS 999 – INDEPENDENT READING**

1-12 credits.

Mentored reading and research for students with dissertator status.

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2024