LINGUISTICS

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Programs Offered

Minor in Linguistics

Supplementary English Language Development (SELD)

The fundamental concern of linguistics is with description and explanation of the interrelatedness of thinking and using language. This concern takes many forms: among others, inquiry into the nature of language as speech or signing, as knowledge, and as communication; inquiry into the history of languages and how languages change; inquiry into how language is acquired, and into the nature of language learning and teaching.

The linguistics minor offers grounding in general linguistic principles, together with the widest possible selection of elective courses. Through this study plan, students are able to develop interests in particular areas of linguistics as strong complements to majors in related disciplines.

As of Fall 2010, the Teaching English as a Second Language program will be offered by the SSU School of Education. Students interested in TESL training should contact Prof. Karen Grady in the School of Education about the M.A. in TESOL.

It is possible to develop an interdisciplinary major with a strong emphasis in linguistics (please see the Interdisciplinary Studies section in this catalog). Interested persons should contact both the interdisciplinary studies program coordinator and the linguistics program coordinator.

Also, through the special emphasis in the anthropology major (please see the Anthropology section in this catalog), a student may create a course of study in linguistic anthropology that incorporates a number of the linguistics program courses.

Minor in Linguistics

For a minor in linguistics, students must complete 20 units as follows:

Minor Core Requirements

One of the following introductory courses:	*3-4*
ANTH 200 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	3
ENGL 203 Introduction to Linguistic Studies	4
ENGL 341 Explorations in Language	4
SPAN 304 Introduction to Spanish Linguistics	4

One of the following courses in linguistic methods:	*4*
ANTH 480 Methods in the Study of Language Use	4
ENGL 489 Topics in Linguistics	4*
ENGL 588 Seminar: Study of Language	4*
SPAN 400 Special Topics in Linguistics	4*
SPAN 490 Seminar in Linguistics	4*
Total Units in the Minor Core	**11-12**

* Course counts toward linguistics methodology requirement if course topic is methodological.

Minor Electives

Students pursuing a linguistics minor need to take an additional 8-9 elective units in courses with linguistic components selected in consultation with a program advisor, for a total of 20 units. These elective course include (but are not limited to):

- All courses offered by the linguistics program;

- All courses mentioned above as satisfying linguistics minor requirements; and

- Pre-approved elective courses:

AMCS 355 Language & Ethnicity	4
ANTH 380 Language, Culture & Society	4
ANTH 382 Language Change	4
ANTH 383 Language in Sociopolitical Context	4
ANTH 386 Sign Languages and Signing Communities	4
ENGL 379 Pedagogical Grammar	4
Total elective units in the minor	**8-9**
Total units in the minor	**20**

Supplementary English Language Courses (SELD)

Courses in Supplementary English Language are designed to enable Sonoma State University students for whom English is a second language to improve their proficiency in the English language, especially in the reading and writing skills required for success at the University. Admission to these courses is determined by ESL Placement Test scores. Courses in SELD prepare students for entrance into ENGL 101. Students will also be required to take the Written English Proficiency Test. Generally, these courses are coordinated through the Sonoma State American Language Institute.