

LINGUISTICS (LING)

School of Languages and Literatures, College of Arts

The minor in Linguistics is intended for students interested in the interdisciplinary study of language. An understanding of the structure of language will improve students' communication skills and intercultural competence. The minor will be of interest to students wishing to do graduate work in speech pathology or audiology, and complements many majors, including modern or ancient languages, psychology, anthropology or computer science. Linguistics may be taken as a minor in the Honours program. Students in Linguistics will be advised in the School of Languages and Literatures.

Learning Outcomes

A student who completes the Linguistics Minor at the University of Guelph will be able to:

Community Engagement and Global Understanding

- Analyze and describe how language changes and what factors influence such changes.
- Demonstrate intercultural awareness and competence in the context of language acquisition, language variation and change.

Critical and Creative Thinking

- Appraise popular beliefs and language myths to determine their validity.

Literacy and Communication

- Analyze and articulate themes about the nature of human language, and how languages work.
- Demonstrate a basic ability in a language other than English.

Evaluate and Conduct Research

- Identify and analyze language patterns, draw generalizations from a set of data, and formulate hypotheses to explain those patterns.
- Devise empirical studies that employ linguistic methods and tools.

Depth and Breadth of Understanding

- Analyze how language varies across speakers, regions, and over time.
- Debate the current state of knowledge in the discipline of linguistics.

Professional Development and Ethical Behaviour

- Exemplify and apply linguistic methods and tools.
- Construct research projects that respect disciplinary ethical norms and practices.

Minor Requirements (Honours)

Students will select the 2.50 credits in the Linguistics core, 1.50 credits from Group 1 and 1.00 credits from Group 2.

Note: Students preparing to apply to M. Sc. programs in Speech Pathology / Audiology should select courses in group 1 that will cover the necessary prerequisites.

A minimum of 5.00 credits is required, including:

Code	Title	Credits
Linguistics Core		
Required 2.50 credits:		
LING*1000	Introduction to Linguistics	0.50
LING*2400	Phonetics	0.50
LING*3010	Topics in Sociolinguistics	0.50
LING*3020	Linguistics and Technology	0.50
PSYC*1000	Introduction to Psychology	0.50
Group 1: Language, Cognition and Research Methods		
Select 1.50 credits from the following:		
ANTH*1150	Introduction to Anthropology	0.50
BIOM*2000	Concepts in Human Physiology	0.50
FREN*2500	French Translation I	0.50
NEUR*2000	Foundations in Neuroscience I	0.50
PHIL*3250	Philosophy of Language	0.50
PSYC*1010	Making Sense of Data in Psychological Research	0.50
PSYC*2450	Developmental Psychology	0.50
PSYC*2650	Cognitive Psychology	0.50
SPAN*3240	Topics in Hispanic Linguistics	0.50
SPAN*4500	Spanish Translation - Theory and Practice	1.00
STAT*2040	Statistics I	0.50
Group 2: Languages		
Select 1.00 credits from the following subjects:		
ARAB, CHIN, FREN, GERM, GREK, ITAL, LAT, PORT, SPAN, INDG*1100		1.00