

LINGUISTICS (B.A.)

The **B.A. in Linguistics** provides a scientific exploration into the study of human language. Throughout the major, students are exposed to courses that outline the theoretical foundations in this field as well as practical application of problem-solving in linguistics. The goal of the linguistics major is to gain a better understanding of what human language is, how we learn it, and how we use it. The major surveys a number of core subfields in linguistics, including sounds (phonetics), sound systems (phonology), sentence structure (syntax), and meaning formation (semantics/pragmatics). In a series of required and elective courses, students will develop strong analytical skills relevant for career paths in language research, technology, education, business, as well as clinical applications such as speech language pathology.

Why major in Linguistics?

Linguistics offers a blend of scientific inquiry and interdisciplinary exploration, appealing to those with a passion for language, cognition, and culture. For those with a curiosity about language and its role in shaping the human experience, linguistics offers a rewarding journey of discovery and insight. Students with a major in linguistics find careers in fields such as research, technology, education, and speech pathology.

Unless otherwise noted, 120 credits of coursework is required for a baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA, and a minimum 2.0 major GPA.

Degree Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
SEEDS	General Education Requirements	30-33
	New Student Seminar	1
	Major Requirements	36-37
	Free Electives	53-49
Total Credits		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Major Requirements		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
LNGN 210	Introduction to General Linguistics	3
LNGN 220	Structure of American English	3
LNGN 230	Language in Society	3
or LNGN 245	Language and Culture	
LNGN 300	Syntax	3
LNGN 301	Semantics	3
or LNGN 302	Pragmatics	
LNGN 331	Phonetics	3
LNGN 332	Phonology	3
Major Elective Courses		
Select 15-16 credits from the list below.		15-16
Total Credits		36-37

Major Electives

Code	Title	Credits
LNGN 110	Language of Food	3
LNGN 120	Language and Computers	3

LNGN 130	Speech Processing	4
LNGN 230	Language in Society	3
LNGN 245	Language and Culture	3
LNGN 240	Languages of the World	3
LNGN 250	Language of Propaganda	3
LNGN 255	Language and Gender	3
LNGN 260	Dialectology	3
LNGN 280	Bilingualism	3
LNGN 284	History of the English Language	3
LNGN/PSYC 288	Introduction to Cognitive Science	3
LNGN 301	Semantics	3
LNGN 302	Pragmatics	3
LNGN 304	Principles of Discourse Analysis	3
LNGN 310	Morphology	3
LNGN 320	Quantitative Linguistics	3
LNGN 325	Principles of Second Language Learning	3
LNGN 330	Scripting Tools for Text Analysis	3
LNGN 340	Linguistic Annotation	3
LNGN 350	Linguistics of American Sign Language and Other Signed Languages	3
LNGN 351	Gesture, Sign, and Speech: The Multi-Modality of Communication	3
LNGN 370	Comparative and Historical Linguistics	3
LNGN 380	Corpus Linguistics	3
LNGN 420	Language and the Mind	3
LNGN 430	Field Methods	3
LNGN 445	Natural Language Processing	3
LNGN 450	Special Topics in Linguistics	3
LNGN 478	Independent Study	3
PSYC 348	Psycholinguistics	3
LNGN 488	Seminar in Cognitive Science	3

New Student Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
Students in the Adult Learner program must take GNED 100.		
Complete one course from the following. Some courses may be restricted by major. Consult with an academic advisor.		1
ADVS 198	Pathways to Success	
CHEM 190	Freshman Seminar in Chemistry	
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	
GNED 100	Adult Academic Success Seminar	
GNED 199	New Student Seminar	
HPEM 199	Freshman Seminar in Health and Physical Education	
IDS 155	Pathways to Adult Learning	
JUST 199	New Student Seminar	
MATH 102	New Student Experience for Mathematical Sciences	
MUGN 199	Freshman Seminar for Music Majors	
NURS 199	Introduction to Nursing	
POLS 199	Freshman Seminar in Political Science and Law	

SEEDS General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill the SEEDS requirements. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/seeds-general-education-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
<i>Effective Writing I</i>		3
Complete one Effective Writing I course.		
<i>Effective Writing II</i>		3
Complete one Effective Writing II course.		
<i>Interactive Communication</i>		3
Complete one Interactive Communication course.		
<i>Quantitative Reasoning</i>		3
Complete one Quantitative Reasoning course.		
<i>Political and Civic Life</i>		3
Complete one Political and Civic Life course.		
<i>World Language</i>		3-6
Complete two sequential classes in one World Language when starting at the Beginner I or Beginner II level. Complete one class when starting at the Intermediate/Advanced Level.		
Exploration		
	Complete one course from four different Exploration categories:	12
<i>Analyzing Cultures and Societies</i>		
<i>Creative Expression</i>		
<i>Ethical Inquiry</i>		
<i>Historical Thinking</i>		
<i>Literary and Artistic Analysis</i>		
<i>Scientific Reasoning</i>		
Fulfilled by LNGN 210 and LNGN 130 in the major.		
Total Credits		30-33

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This recommended degree plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years and 120 credits. This plan is a recommendation and **MUST** be used in consultation with their academic advisor. Important note: Students should be aware this plan assumes no pre-requisite coursework is required. If pre-requisite coursework is needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which do not appear on the plan.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
New Student Seminar	1	SEEDS: Exploration 2 (Recommend Analyzing Culture and Societies: LNGN 230, LNGN 240, LNGN 245, LNGN 255)	3
LNGN 210 (fulfills SEEDS Explorations: Scientific Reasoning)	3	SEEDS: World Language II (if needed)	3
SEEDS: World Language I	3	SEEDS: Effective Writing II	3
SEEDS: Effective Writing I	3	SEEDS: Political and Civic Life	3

SEEDS: Interactive Communication (Recommend LNGN 110)	3 LNGN or Free Elective	3
SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning (Recommend LNGN 120)	3	

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Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
LNGN 220		3 SEEDS Exploration 4 (Recommend Historical Thinking)	3
SEEDS Exploration 3 (Recommend Ethical Inquiry)		3 LNGN or Free Elective	3
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Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
LNGN 300		3 LNGN 301 or 302	3
LNGN 331		3 LNGN 332	3
LNGN or Free Elective		3 LNGN or Free Elective	3
LNGN or Free Elective		3 LNGN or Free Elective	3
LNGN or Free Elective		2 LNGN or Free Elective	3

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Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
LNGN 230 or 245 (one required for the major)		3 LNGN or Free Elective	3
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Total Credits 120