



# Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

## Why should I major in linguistics at Cal State Fullerton?

Linguists explore the many aspects of language by studying its structure and the different ways in which people use it. Linguists also study how language is learned, how it is stored in the brain, the origins of language and how it changes over time. Because the study of linguistics develops essential skills that have broad applications, the major provides an excellent preparation for careers in fields such as teaching, publishing, translating, and for advanced study in the humanities and in law.

The major in linguistics at Cal State Fullerton offers:

**Superb Credentials** – Our linguistics program is one of only three such programs in the California State University system. We offer a wide range of courses that are unmatched by most public or private universities in California.

**Outstanding Faculty** – Our faculty members are internationally recognized scholars. Many received doctorate degrees from prestigious universities and are eager to share their enthusiasm about language with their students.

**Motivated Students** – Many of our students go on to graduate studies and find themselves excelling in their chosen fields, whether it be linguistics or in another field. We are also proud of the professional accomplishments of our graduates. They hold key positions at colleges, universities, corporations and other areas.

**Internet Access** – All registered students have e-mail access, and our computer labs link each student to the World Wide Web.

**Flexibility** – Classes meet to coincide with your work schedule, both during the day and in the evening.

## What is a linguistics major?

A linguistics major is intelligent, thoughtful and interested in language and how it works. Students choose to major in linguistics in order to obtain a liberal arts education, or as preparation for advanced study in fields such as education, languages, law and other areas.

**What courses are required for a linguistics major?**

All linguistics majors must take 15 units of core courses and 18 units of electives in linguistics and related fields. Majors must also demonstrate knowledge of a foreign language either via examination or the completion of four semesters of course work in a foreign language.

**The Core Courses: (15 units)**

**Linguistics 351 Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics and Phonology** – Provides an introduction to the sound systems of English and of other languages. (3 units)

**Linguistics 406 Descriptive Linguistics** – Presents an overview of the structure of language including its sounds, word formation, sentence structure, writing systems and meaning. (3 units)

**Linguistics 408 Syntax** – Gives students a foundation in the organization of sentences. The course highlights what all languages have in common and how languages differ. (3 units)

**Linguistics 412 Sociolinguistics** – Explores the different ways that people actually use language depending on their background and their communicative goals. (3 units)

**Linguistics 430 Historical Linguistics** – Surveys the development of language through time and the changes that have created today's modern languages. (3 units)

**Elective Courses: (18 units)**

For the required 18 units of elective course work, majors may choose from any linguistics upper-division courses other than the required courses listed above. Up to four may be selected from the courses listed below:

Child/Adolescent Studies 312 Human Growth and Development (3 units)

English 303 The Structure of Modern English (3 units)

English 440 History of the English Language (3 units)

Foreign Languages-any upper-division course (3-12 units)

Philosophy 368 First Course in Symbolic Logic (3 units)

Psychology 415 Cognitive Processes (3 units)

Students must consult with an adviser in linguistics before establishing individual programs of study. Other courses may be taken as electives with the permission of the adviser.

**Is there a minor in linguistics?**

To receive a minor in linguistics, students must complete:

Linguistics 106 Language and Linguistics

Linguistics 351 Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics and Phonology

Linguistics 406 Descriptive Linguistics

and 12 units of other course work in linguistics.

**What courses will transfer from my community college?**

Many classes transfer as general education classes. In addition, students may transfer foreign language courses taken at a community college to meet the language requirement.

**What kinds of financial aid are available?**

The university offers many types of financial aid, including loans, grants and scholarships. To find out more, contact the Financial Aid Office at (714) 278-3125.

**What activities can I join?**

All linguistics majors are invited to participate in the Linguistics Student Association. The LSA sponsors social events and an annual linguistics symposium, which attracts well-known speakers on all aspects of language.

**Who advises me?**

Our undergraduate adviser will be happy to answer your questions regarding the major. Call our office to get the phone number for this year's adviser, or visit our Web site to learn more about the Linguistics Program. You may also contact us by e-mail. If you follow our program outline and meet with your adviser regularly, you will stay on schedule for graduation.

**Who are the linguistics faculty and what are their areas of interest?**

ANGELA DELLA VOLPE (Dr. Della Volpe's specialty is historical linguistics. She is especially interested in the origin of language and how language changes over time, with her research focusing on the history of the Indo-European language family.)

JANET EYRING (Dr. Eyring is a specialist in the methodology for teaching English as a second language.)

REYES FIDALGO (Spanish linguistics)

JUAN CARLOS GALLEGO (Dr. Gallego teaches applied linguistics, Spanish linguistics, and is interested in language teaching and language use.)

RONALD HARMON (Portuguese and Spanish)

ALAN KAYE (Dr. Kaye's specialty is Arabic and the Semitic languages. He teaches phonetics, language structure and linguistic field methods.)

KURT P. KITSELMAN (Dr. Kitselman's interest in linguistics includes the study of language and the brain.)

THOMAS P. KLAMMER (Dr. Klammer is a sociolinguist interested in linguistic variation, dialects, and the interplay between linguistics and literature.)

EDITH C. LI (Dr. Li teaches the anatomy of speech and hearing.)

KEIJI MATSUMOTO (Japanese linguistics)

FRANZ MÜLLER-GOTAMA (Dr. Müller-Gotama teaches language structure and language use, especially syntax. His research focuses on the diversity of the world's languages with a special interest in the languages of Indonesia.)

MERRILL RING (Philosophy of language)

JAMES SANTUCCI (Dr. Santucci teaches anthropological linguistics and Sanskrit. He is a specialist in the languages and cultures of ancient India.)

SETSUE SHIBATA (Japanese linguistics)

WILLIAM R. SMITH (Dr. Smith's interests include human cognition and language in the mind. He is a specialist in psycholinguistics.)

ARDEN THORUM (Dr. Thorum is a specialist in communicative disorders.)

RICHARD LEE WISEMAN (Dr. Wiseman is a specialist in nonverbal communication.)

CHERYL ZIMMERMAN (Dr. Zimmerman is an applied linguist with an interest in the teaching of English to speakers of other languages.)

### **How can I learn more?**

The Linguistics Program maintains its own Web site, which introduces the faculty and provides a description of courses, graduation requirements and general information about the field. We encourage you to look us up on the Internet. We suggest that you also visit us in person for advisement.

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