Linguistics is devoted to the scientific study of language structure and use. The Linguistics Program at Wayne State offers an interdisciplinary approach to this field, permitting students to explore a wide range of topics and issues in language research. The program is administered by a director and an advisory committee of participating faculty who regularly teach courses for the program. The core linguistics courses are offered on a regular basis. Elective courses are offered in the following areas: (a) linguistics and a language; (b) language structure; (c) language variation and change; (d) language acquisition and processing; and (e) sociolinguistics and discourse/pragmatics.

Training in linguistics prepares students for advanced work in linguistic research, as well as for employment in teaching English and foreign languages; computer systems (especially natural language processing); broadcasting, mass media and journalism; publishing and editing; translation; international business; intercultural communication and negotiation; law; and generally any profession requiring the precise use or analysis of speech or writing.

- Linguistics (M.A.) (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/linguistics/linguistics-ma)

LIN 5050 Advanced Symbolic Logic Cr. 4
Formal, extensive treatment of first-order predicate logic with emphasis on the notions of a formal logical language and truth in a model, the logic of identity; definite descriptions; brief introductions to set theory and the metatheory of propositional and first-order logic; some additional advanced topics to be selected by the instructor. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: PHI 5050

LIN 5080 Phonetics Cr. 3
Multisensory study of sounds in the English language, emphasizing acoustic, physiologic, kinesiologic approaches. Offered Fall, Winter.
Course Material Fees: $12
Equivalent: SLP 5080

LIN 5100 Languages of Asia Cr. 3
Introduction to major language families in Asia; grammar, sounds, language contact. Offered Biannually.
Equivalent: CHI 5220, JPN 5220

LIN 5200 Modal Logic Cr. 4
The logic of necessity, possibility, and other modal notions as they occur in epistemic and deontic contexts. Offered Biannually.
Prerequisites: ([PHI 1850 with a minimum grade of D-] OR [PHI 1860 with a minimum grade of D-])

LIN 5210 Arabic Sociolinguistics Cr. 3
Arabic dialectology; Arabic as a minority language in contact. Theories and techniques developed outside Arabic, and their applicability to Arabic situations. Offered Biannually.
Equivalent: ARB 5210, NE 5210

LIN 5220 Introduction to Chinese Linguistics Cr. 3
Basic elements of Chinese linguistics: sounds, grammar, dialects, language change. Offered Biannually.
Equivalent: CHI 5210

LIN 5230 Structure of Arabic Cr. 3
Survey of historical constitution and theoretical structure of Arabic. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: ARB 5230, NE 5230

LIN 5240 Grammar of Chinese Cr. 3
Basic elements of Chinese grammar; includes question formation, negation, time reference, etc. Offered Biannually.
Equivalent: CHI 5230

LIN 5290 Phonology Cr. 3
The sound systems of a variety of human languages compared and contrasted in an introduction to the diversity and similarities in human sound systems. Theories of the nature of sound systems and methods of analysis in phonology and morphophonology will be presented. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: ENG 5710

LIN 5300 Syntax Cr. 3
The theory of grammatical systems examined through analysis of sentence and word formation in a variety of human languages. Diversity and universals in grammar and theories of syntax. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: ENG 5740

LIN 5320 Language and Societies Cr. 3
For graduate students and advanced undergraduates with a background in linguistic anthropology. Students read classic and contemporary works of linguistic anthropology to expand knowledge of human language and sociality; conduct a major original research project. Offered Winter.
Prerequisites: ([LIN 3310] OR [ANT 3310])
Equivalent: ANT 5320

LIN 5360 Normal Language Acquisition and Usage Cr. 3
Language development in children and the associated areas of emotional and motor development; language stimulation techniques and programs. Offered Fall, Spring/Summer.

Course Material Fees: $10
Equivalent: SLP 5320

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Equivalent: SLP 5320

LIN 5570 Philosophy of Language Cr. 4
Intensive investigation and discussion of philosophical problems concerning meaning, truth, and the nature of language. Offered Biannually.
Equivalent: PHI 5570

LIN 5700 Introduction to Linguistic Theory Cr. 3
Introduction to the scientific study of language and methodologies of linguistic analysis: phonetics and phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: ENG 5700
LIN 5715 Morphology Cr. 3
Morphology is a core area of Linguistics. The course will introduce the basic issues in the study of the internal structure of words, as well as the analytical techniques applied to morphological analysis. Students will learn how to analyze words of various (Indo-European and non-Indo-European) languages into morphemes, as well as to recognize morphological patterns and to utilize theoretical concepts in order to describe and analyze such patterns. Offered Irregularly.
Prerequisites: ([ENG 5700 with a minimum grade of D-] OR [ENG 2720 with a minimum grade of D-] OR [LIN 2720 with a minimum grade of D-] OR [LIN 5700 with a minimum grade of D-])
Equivalent: ENG 5715

LIN 5720 Linguistics and Education Cr. 3
Introduction to linguistics with emphasis on applications to education. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: ENG 5720

LIN 5730 English Grammar Cr. 3
Comprehensive analysis of English sentence structure and parts of speech using the terminology and descriptive approach of traditional grammar. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: ENG 5730

LIN 5745 Semantics Cr. 3
Semantics is a core area of Linguistics. This course investigates meaning in natural language. It examines two foundational assumptions of natural language semantics: (i) that the meaning of a declarative sentence is its truth conditions and (ii) that the truth conditions of an expression are determined compositionally (that is, they are determined as a function of its parts and how they are put together). Offered Irregularly.
Prerequisites: ([ENG 5700 with a minimum grade of D-] OR [ENG 2720 with a minimum grade of D-] OR [LIN 2720 with a minimum grade of D-] OR [LIN 5700 with a minimum grade of D-])
Equivalent: ENG 5745

LIN 5750 Theories of Second Language Acquisition Cr. 3
The complex processes involved in learning a foreign/second language, including the nature of inter language and the individual and collective factors influencing learner success and the effectiveness of instruction. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: ENG 5750, LGL 5750

LIN 5760 American Dialects Cr. 3
Survey of chief social and geographic dialects of American English and introduction to theory of language variation. Offered Irregularly.
Equivalent: ENG 5760

LIN 5770 Sociolinguistics Cr. 3
Identification of sociolinguistic principles used by English speakers and writers in choosing among the different English codes, styles, registers and social dialects in American and other communities. Offered Biannually.
Equivalent: ENG 5770

LIN 5900 Culture, Language and Cognition Cr. 3
Using concepts and methods at the interdisciplinary nexus of anthropology, linguistics, and psychology, the course examines the ways in which concepts are similar and different cross-culturally. Offered Biannually (Winter).
Prerequisites: ([ANT 3310] OR [LIN 3310] OR [ANT 5320] OR [LIN 5320])
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Undergraduate level students.
Equivalent: ANT 5900, PSY 5900

LIN 5993 (WI) Writing Intensive Course in Linguistics Cr. 0
Disciplinary writing assignments under the direction of a faculty member. Must be selected in conjunction with a corequisite course; see section listing in Schedule of Classes for corequisites available each term. Satisfies the University General Education Writing Intensive Course in the Major requirement. Intensive training in literature search, linguistic analysis, and the preparation of scholarly written work. Required for all majors. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisites: (May be taken concurrently: [LIN 5210] OR [LIN 5320] OR [LIN 5750] OR [LIN 5760] OR [LIN 5770] OR [LIN 6720] OR ([AA] Exempt from Gen Ed MACRAO with a test score minimum of 100) OR ([BA] Competencies Waiver with a test score minimum of 100))
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

LIN 6700 History of Arabic Cr. 3
History of the evolution of Arabic. Data from phonetics/phonology and morpho-syntax will form the basis of study. Offered Fall.
Equivalent: ARB 6700

LIN 6710 Psycholinguistics Cr. 3
Theory and research in various topics in psycholinguistics, including language development, speech perception and production, and language comprehension. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: PSY 6710

LIN 6720 Topics in Language Cr. 3
Topics such as: pragmatics, historical linguistics, history of English, language and gender, language and variation, language and evolution; to be announced in Schedule of Classes. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: ENG 6720, LIN 5720
Repeatable for 12 Credits

LIN 7010 Acoustics of Speech Cr. 3
Acoustic consequences of phonetically-relevant articulatory movements. Offered Irregularly.
Prerequisites: ([SLP 5080] OR [SLP 5090])
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Equivalent: SLP 7010

LIN 7300 Comparative Romance Linguistics Cr. 3
Historical development and earliest texts in the Romance languages: Latin substrata, historical diffusion, Vulgar Latin, linguistic borrowings, classification, and characteristics of the various Romance languages. Offered Biannually.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

LIN 7320 Seminar in Hispanic Linguistics Cr. 3
Seminar topics will vary according to the principal divisions of Spanish linguistics: phonology, morphology, lexicography, syntax, and dialectology. Topics to be announced in Schedule of Classes. Offered Irregularly.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Equivalent: SPA 8420

LIN 7665 Seminar in Linguistic Anthropology Cr. 3
Central concepts and theories. Current developments, problems and contemporary research orientations. Topics to be announced in Schedule of Classes. Offered Irregularly.
Prerequisites: ([ANT 5320] OR [LIN 5320])
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Equivalent: ANT 7665
LIN 7710 Advanced Studies in Linguistic Structure Cr. 3
Current issues in linguistic theory, including but not limited to topics in
problems in phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics. Topics to be
announced in Schedule of Classes. Offered Irregularly.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Equivalent: ENG 7710
Repeatable for 9 Credits

LIN 7720 Advanced Studies in Language Use Cr. 3
Current problems in language use, including issues in language
variation, pidgins and creoles, first language acquisition, perception and
production, and linguistic stylistics. Topics to be announced in Schedule
of Classes. Offered Irregularly.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Equivalent: ENG 7720
Repeatable for 9 Credits

LIN 7770 Discourse Analysis Cr. 3
Analysis of inter-sentential relationships and of larger patterns. Implied
and actual exchanges. Information ordering. Multi-level and intersectional
analysis of expository prose. Topics to be announced in Schedule of
Classes. Offered Biannually.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Equivalent: ENG 7770
Repeatable for 9 Credits

LIN 7991 Directed Study in Linguistics Cr. 1-9
A research problem which requires field work or intensive and systematic
reading of original technical literature. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Equivalent: ANT 7991
Repeatable for 9 Credits

LIN 7999 Master's Essay Direction Cr. 1-3
Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment limited to students with a class of Candidate
Masters; enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.