

INTERDISCIPLINARY LINGUISTICS, CERTIFICATE

(Code 570-601)

For advising, contact the English Department.

Linguistics bridges the social sciences and humanities, applying scientific methods and perspectives to the study of language, a fundamental human behavior and social institution. The Interdisciplinary Linguistics certificate offers a focused program of study in the structure, acquisition, and/or social functions of language, drawing on theories and methodologies of one or more disciplines. The goal of the program is to enhance students' abilities to reason about language by providing opportunities to analyze the sounds, words, sentences and/or meanings of natural language; to describe variation and change in natural language; and to form and test hypotheses about language by collecting, organizing, and analyzing linguistic data. While not in itself a professional certification, a linguistics certificate could enhance the career options of students majoring or minoring in computer science, English, languages, teaching English as a second/foreign language, elementary and secondary education, among others.

Code	Title	Credits
Twelve semester credits, including:		
Required course:		
ENGL 221	Introductory English Linguistics	3
Select nine credits of linguistics electives from the following courses:		
ANTH 315	Language in Culture and Society	
CSD 262	Phonetics: Theory and Application	
CSD 301	American Sign Language Semantics	
CSD 302	American Sign Language Linguistics	
ENGL 321	Topics in the Structure of English	
ENGL 325	Topics in Language in Society	
ENGL 421	Seminar in Linguistic Research	
FLG 378	Second Language Acquisition Theory	
FREN 325	Pronunciation	
GERM 325	The German Sound System	
GERM 413	Structure of German in Contrast	
PHIL 322	Philosophy of Language	
SPAN 325	Phonetics and Pronunciation	
SPAN 360	Survey of Hispanic Linguistics	
SPAN/LAS 418	Spanish Sociolinguistics in the United States/Latin America	
SPAN 492	Seminar in Hispanic Linguistics Research	

Note: Students may not pursue the Interdisciplinary Linguistics certificate and the English Linguistics major or the Spanish Linguistics major as their first and second degree programs for purposes of graduation. Also, if the Interdisciplinary Linguistics certificate is a student's second program, courses that count in the certificate may not be applied to the student's major for purposes of graduation.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

- Read and interpret text from a variety of critical perspectives.
- Write effectively for different purposes and audiences.
- Plan, conduct, and document research using appropriate sources.
- Describe the dynamic nature, diversity, and structure of the English language.