Overview

THIS STREAM IS FOR STUDENTS COMMENCING FROM 2016.

Linguistics is the study of human language. The major stream in Linguistics provides you the opportunity to develop a deep understanding of a variety of questions such as: How do people use language in various situations? What is the biological basis for language? Is language unique to the human species? How and why do languages change? How do children learn language? What is the meaning of 'meaning'? Can machines talk? How does language relate to other modes of communication? Linguistics also provides the basis for a variety of practical applications including, at UNSW, the teaching and learning of foreign languages, translating and interpreting, facilitating cross-cultural communication, developing language curricula in schools, and improving literacy skills.
Faculty
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

School
School of Humanities and Languages

Study Level
Undergraduate

Minimum Units of Credit
60

Specialisation Type
Major
Learning Outcomes

1. Articulate linguistic theories and core analytical approaches relevant to the study of living languages.
   Scholars

2. Describe the place of language and linguistic theory in the interdisciplinary study of communication, cognition, society and/or culture
   Global Citizens Scholars

3. Identify diverse approaches to the scientific study of language through the critical evaluation of the relationship between linguistic data and linguistic theory.
   Scholars Professionals

4. Undertake rigorous and engaged scholarly enquiry and analysis
   Professionals Scholars

5. Collaborate effectively with others.
   Leaders Professionals

6. Demonstrate intercultural responsiveness
   Global Citizens

7. Communicate and debate complex ideas in a range of different contexts using a variety of suitable media
   Professionals Scholars Leaders

8. Exhibit initiative and self-direction
   Professionals Leaders

9. Critically and creatively employ disciplinary bodies of knowledge and appraise disciplinary perspectives in professional practice and/or scholarship.
   Professionals Scholars

10. Justify a position in relation to foundational aspects of society, culture and/or the arts
    Scholars Professionals Global Citizens

11. Engage proactively with complex problems in professional practice and/or scholarship.
    Professionals Scholars

12. Continuously acquire knowledge and skills and reflect on existing knowledge and skills for personal and career fulfilment.
13. Act ethically, respectfully and responsibly

Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Specialisation Structure

Students must complete 60 UOC.

ARTS/EDUCATION (SECONDARY) STUDENTS

The major in Linguistics must not be taken as it is not an approved teaching specialisation.

Level 1 Core Courses

You must take 12 UOC of the following courses.

ARTS1690  |  6 UOC
The Structure of Language

ARTS1691  |  6 UOC
The Use of Language

Level 2 Core Courses

You must take 12 UOC of the following courses.

ARTS2692  |  6 UOC
Syntax

ARTS2694  |  6 UOC
Phonology: Theory and Description

Level 3 Core Courses

You must take 18 UOC of the following courses.

ARTS3690  |  6 UOC
Language Universals and Linguistic Typology

ARTS3695  |  6 UOC
Multilingualism and Language Planning
Level 2 Prescribed Electives

You must take 18 UOC of the following courses.

ARTS2690  |  6 UOC
Semantics and Pragmatics

ARTS2693  |  6 UOC
Psycholinguistics

ARTS2696  |  6 UOC
The Grammar of English

ARTS2698  |  6 UOC
Intercultural Interaction

Bachelor of Psychological Science (3435)

If you are a Bachelor of Psychological Science student, you only need to complete 54 UOC of Linguistics courses consisting of 12 UOC at Level 1, 24 UOC at Level 2 (including ARTS2692 and ARTS2694) and 18 UOC at Level 3. You then must take PSYC3311 Language and Cognition, which will double-count towards your Linguistics as well as Psychology majors.

Enrolment Disclaimer

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
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