

Linguistics, BS (Boston)

Overview

The major in linguistics is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in the study of linguistics at both the structural and social levels. Coursework on the structural side focuses on the internal structures that make up language and the methods and theories used to identify and understand these core structures (for example, in courses covering phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics); while coursework on the social side emphasizes the methods and theories that are used to study and interpret patterns of social interaction at the linguistic level (for example, in courses covering language and culture, sociolinguistics, and language and gender). Additional coursework draws from related fields to further develop students' understanding of the broad spectrum of language-related domains (for example, psycholinguistics, language acquisition, and historical linguistics, among other topics).

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

NUPath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUPath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Linguistics Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
INSC 1000	Science at Northeastern	1
Introduction to Experiential Learning		
EESC 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	1
Linguistic Foundations		
LING 1150 or LING 1449	Introduction to Linguistics English Now and Then	4
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis	4
LING 3412	Language and Culture	4
Linguistic Structure		
Complete four of the following:		16
LING 3420	Phonetics	
LING 3422	Phonology	
LING 3424	Morphology	
LING 3450	Syntax	
LING 3452	Semantics	
Language in Context		
Complete one of the following:		4
LING 3442	Sociolinguistics	
LING 3456	Language and Gender	
Language Change		
Complete one of the following:		4
LING 3454	History of English	
LING 3460	Historical Linguistics	
Research Experience		
Complete one of the following:		4
LING 3150	Field Linguistics	
LING 4891	Research Seminar in Linguistics	
With prior linguistics program approval, one of the following experiences can be used to fulfill the research experience:		

LING 4970	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1
and LING 4971	and Junior/Senior Honors Project 2
LING 4991	Directed Study Research

Linguistics Seminar

Complete at least one seminar (LING 4654 may be repeated with different topics):

LING 4654	Seminar in Linguistics	4
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Linguistics Electives

Complete six electives from the following that have not already been taken to fulfill other major requirements:

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LING 3000 to LING 4999 ¹

Up to two electives may come from the following list:

DEAF 2700	ASL Linguistics
PSYC 4610	Laboratory in Psycholinguistics
PSYC 4612	Laboratory in Cognition
PSYC 4658	Seminar in Psycholinguistics
PSYC 4660	Seminar in Cognition
PSYC 4674	Seminar in Cognitive Neuroscience
PSYC 4676	Seminar in Developmental Psychology

¹ Please visit the Linguistics Courses page (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/course-descriptions/ling/>) within this catalog to review the list of courses in the LING 3000–LING 4999 range.

Language Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two courses in the same language with a grade of C or higher. Proficiency at elementary level 2 or higher is required.		8

Writing Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
or ENGW 1102	First-Year Writing for Multilingual Writers	
ENGW 3307	Advanced Writing in the Sciences	4
or ENGW 3315	Interdisciplinary Advanced Writing in the Disciplines	

NUpath Requirements Met by Major

- Engaging with the Natural and Designed World (ND)
- Interpreting Culture (IC)
- Conducting Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ)
- Understanding Societies and Institutions (SI)
- Analyzing and Using Data (AD)
- Engaging Differences and Diversity (DD)
- Writing Across Audiences and Genres
- Integrating Knowledge and Skills Through Experience
- Demonstrating Thought and Action in a Capstone

Linguistics Major Credit and GPA RequirementComplete 76 semester hours in the major. [A minimum 2.000 GPA is required across courses in the LING \(Linguistics\) subject code.](#)**Program Requirement**

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study**Sample Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer Second Half/Fall**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 LING 2350		4 NUpath or elective		4 Vacation	0
INSC 1000		1 Foreign language course		4 NUpath or elective		4	
LING 1150		4 LING Elective		4			

Foreign language course	4	NUpath or elective	4				
NUpath or elective	4						
	17		16		8		0
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
LING 3412	4	EESC 2000	1	NUpath or elective	4	Co-op	0
LING Structure	4	Language in Context course	4	NUpath or elective	4		
Language Change course	4	LING Structure	4				
NUpath or elective	4	LING Structure	4				
		LING Elective	4				
	16		17		8		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	ENGW 3315	4	NUpath or elective	4	Co-op	0
		LING Structure	4	NUpath or elective	4		
		LING Elective	4				
		LING Elective	4				
	0		16		8		0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours		
Co-op	0	LING 4654	4	NUpath or elective	4		
		LING Research Experience	4	NUpath or elective	4		
		LING Elective	4				
		LING Elective	4				
	0		16		8		

Total Hours: 130

Sample Five Years, Three Co-ops in Summer Second Half/Fall

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111	4	LING 2350	4	Vacation	0	Vacation	0
INSC 1000	1	Foreign language course	4				
LING 1150	4	LING Elective	4				
Foreign language course	4	NUpath or elective	4				
NUpath or elective	4						
	17		16		0		0
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
LING 3412	4	EESC 2000	1	Vacation	0	Co-op	0
LING Structure	4	Language in Context course	4				
Language Change course	4	LING Structure	4				
NUpath or elective	4	LING Structure	4				
		LING Elective	4				
	16		17		0		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	ENGW 3315	4	NUpath or elective	4	Co-op	0
		LING Structure	4	NUpath or elective	4		
		LING Elective	4				
		NUpath or elective	4				
	0		16		8		0

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	LING Elective	4	NUpath or elective	4	Co-op	0
		LING Elective	4	NUpath or elective	4		
		NUpath or elective	4				
		NUpath or elective	4				
	0		16		8		0

Year 5

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op		0 LING 4654	4
		LING Research Experience	4
		LING Elective	4
		NUpath or elective	4
	0		16

Total Hours: 130