

Linguistics and Cultural Anthropology, BS (Boston)

Overview

The combined major in linguistics and cultural anthropology focuses on the relationship of culture to the institutions, interpersonal relations, and practices that make up their social structure while emphasizing the structure of human language and its involvement in social interaction and culture. Students examine how language both reflects and influences cultural phenomena and how it can be used as a tool to study those phenomena; and they apply their interests across a range of connected courses, co-op opportunities, and potential research projects.

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 Language Requirement

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

Linguistics Requirements

Note: A grade of C or higher is required for all courses in this section.

Code	Title	Hours
Linguistics Requirements		
LING 1150 or LING 1449	Introduction to Linguistics English Now and Then	4
LING 2350	Linguistic Analysis	4
LING 3442	Sociolinguistics	4
LING 3456	Language and Gender	4
Linguistic Structure		
Complete three of the following:		12
LING 3420	Phonetics	
LING 3422	Phonology	
LING 3424	Morphology	
LING 3450	Syntax	
LING 3452	Semantics	
Linguistics Research		
Complete one of the following:		4
LING 4891	Research Seminar in Linguistics	
LING 4970 and LING 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 and Junior/Senior Honors Project 2	
LING 4991	Directed Study Research	
Linguistics Elective		
Complete one elective (any course in the range LING 3000–4999 that hasn't already been taken to fulfill other major requirements, or the following): ¹		4
DEAF 2700	ASL Linguistics	

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.

Anthropology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Courses		
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	4
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	4
ANTH 3410	Ethnographic Field Experience	4
ANTH 3421	Foundations of Anthropological Theory	4
ANTH 4600	Senior Seminar	4
or ANTH 4100	Making Anthropology Public	
Anthropology Area Courses		
Complete two area courses in the range from ANTH 4101-ANTH 4520 not used to satisfy other requirements; one study abroad course may be substituted as an area studies course with prior permission from the department; additional area courses taken may count as anthropology electives.		8
Anthropology Electives		
Complete two ANTH courses not used to satisfy other requirements.		8

Linguistics/Anthropology Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Integrative Course		
LING 3412	Language and Culture	4

Supporting Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
INSC 1000	Science at Northeastern	1
or ANTH 1000	Anthropology at Northeastern	
Experiential Learning Introduction		
EESC 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	1
or EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	
Writing Requirements		
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
or ENGW 1102	First-Year Writing for Multilingual Writers	
ENGW 3315	Interdisciplinary Advanced Writing in the Disciplines	4
or ENGW 3307	Advanced Writing in the Sciences	
or ENGW 3308	Advanced Writing in the Social Sciences	

NUPath Requirements

The following NUPath Requirements are met by the major:

- Analyzing and Using Data (AD)
- Conducting Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ)
- Demonstrating Thought and Action in a Capstone (CE)
- Engaging Differences and Diversity (DD)
- Engaging with the Natural and Designed World (ND)
- Interpreting Culture (IC)
- Understanding Societies and Institutions (SI)

Other NUPath requirements may be fulfilled by electives in the program.

Anthropology Major Grade Requirement

A GPA of 2.000 for major courses is required.

Science GPA Requirement (Linguistics)

A minimum 2.000 GPA in the following course codes is required: LING.

Linguistics/Anthropology Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 80 semester hours in the major.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study**Sample Plans of Study****FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS IN SUMMER SECOND HALF/FALL**

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ANTH 1101		4 ANTH 2305		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
ENGW 1111		4 LING 2350		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
LING 1150		4 LING 3412		4				
MATH 1215		4 Foreign language course		4				
		16		16		8		8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Foreign language course		4 LING 3442		4 Anthropology elective		4 Co-op		0
Linguistic structure course		4 Linguistic structure course		4 Elective		4		
Anthropology elective		4 Elective		4				
Linguistics elective		4 Elective		4				
		16		16		8		0
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Co-op		0 ENGW 3315		4 Elective		4 Co-op		0
		LING 3456		4 Elective		4		
		Anthropology advanced area course		4				
		Linguistic structure course		4				
		0		16		8		0
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Co-op		0 ANTH 4600		4				
		Anthropology advanced area course		4				
		Elective		4				
		Linguistics research		4				
		0		16				

Total Hours: 128

FOUR YEARS, NO CO-OP

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ANTH 1101		4 ANTH 2305		4 Vacation		Vacation		
ENGW 1111		4 LING 2350		4				
LING 1150		4 LING 3412		4				
MATH 1215		4 Foreign language course		4				
		16		16		0		0
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Foreign language course		4 LING 3442		4 Vacation		Vacation		
Linguistic structure course		4 Linguistic structure course		4				
Anthropology elective		4 Anthropology elective		4				
Elective		4 Elective		4				
		16		16		0		0

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Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 3315		4 LING 3456		4 Vacation		Vacation	
Anthropology advanced area course		4 Anthropology advanced area course		4			
Anthropology elective		4 Linguistic structure elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
		16		16		0	0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Anthropology advanced area course		4 ANTH 4600		4			
Linguistics research		4 Linguistics elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
		16		16			

Total Hours: 128