

LINGUISTICS MINOR

As an increasingly interdisciplinary field, Linguistics is closely related to many other academic fields including Autism Studies, Classical and Modern Languages, Communication Studies, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Education, English, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and TESOL. Students of Linguistics often pursue careers as clinical psychologists, educators, information technology specialists, lawyers, linguists, marketing and advertising consultants, social workers, speech pathologists, speech therapists, teachers, translators and interpreters. For that reason, several courses in other SJU programs count toward a major or minor in Linguistics while fulfilling requirements in their respective programs.

Students who are interested in English language teaching may also want to consider adding a second minor in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). For more information, visit the TESOL website at <http://www.sju.edu/majors-programs/undergraduate/minors/teaching-english-speakers-other-languages-tesol> (<http://www.sju.edu/majors-programs/undergraduate/minors/teaching-english-speakers-other-languages-tesol/>).

Learning Goals and Outcomes

Goal 1: Students will know what the field of linguistics is and understand how language works.

Objective 1.1: Identify the main areas of linguistic analysis by providing relevant examples and explaining how linguistic analysis is used to describe how language works.

Goal 2: Students will know how to perform linguistic research.

Objective 2.1: Conduct original linguistic research according to standards within the field.

Goal 3: Students will discuss linguistic topics and apply what they learn to real-life settings.

Objective 3.1: Communicate effectively in oral presentations and discussions on linguistic-related topics.

Objective 3.2: Analyze linguistic issues or problems (qualitatively or quantitatively) in real-life settings and formulate creative responses.

Goal 4: Students will be aware of and appreciate language differences that exist among speakers of the same or different languages in light of their own language background.

Objective 4.1: Identify particular aspects of linguistic beauty and creativity in their various forms (i.e., sounds, instances of lexical variation, acquisition stages, morphological irregularities, etc.).

Objective 4.2: Identify their own language beliefs and values as well as those of others and respectfully discuss linguistic differences that characterize speakers from various linguistic backgrounds.

Requirements

A student may minor in Linguistics by taking six courses:

Code	Title	Hours
LIN 200	Introduction to Linguistics	3
Select five additional preapproved courses		15
Total Hours		18

Those approved include all courses taught in Linguistics (LIN) and some courses in English, French, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, and Spanish. Contact the Linguistics Program Director, Dr. Jennifer Ewald for more information and visit the Linguistics Program website at <http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/linguistics/index.html> (<http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/linguistics/>).