Linguistics Minor

Learning Goals and Objectives

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.

The Linguistics Program, housed within the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, offers two majors and two minors.

A student may minor in Linguistics by taking six courses:

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Select five additional preapproved courses

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 (jewald@sju.edu), for more information and visit the Linguistics Program website at http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/linguistics/index.html.

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.