Linguistics (BA)

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Linguistics is the study of human language, and encompasses a broad spectrum of research questions, approaches, and methodologies. Some linguists are concerned with the cognitive aspects of language learning, production, and comprehension; some are concerned with language as a social and cultural phenomenon; others engage in the analysis of linguistic form and meaning, some from a functional and others from a formal perspective. There are also computational approaches to linguistics with both applied and theoretical goals.

The Major in Linguistics reflects the multidisciplinary character of the field and of the Linguistics faculty here at Carnegie Mellon, combining course offerings from the departments of English, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Psychology, and the Language Technologies Institute. The program provides students with the fundamental tools of linguistic analysis while maintaining a focus on the human context in which language is learned and used. Students can choose to focus fairly narrowly on an area of particular interest, or to explore it more widely.

This is a suggested schedule for the first 2 years for a Primary Major. It is also available as an Additional Major and Minor.

The remainder of the Major and GenEd can be completed in the junior and senior year.

1st semester
• Complete 2:
  76-101, Interpretation & Argument
  79-104, Global Histories
  36-200 or 36-201, Statistics
  Freshman Seminar
• 99-101, C@CM
• 82-xxx, Consecutive Language
• 80-180, Nature of Language
• xx-xxx, Elective*

2nd semester
• Complete 2:
  76-101, Interpretation & Argument
  79-104, Global Histories
  36-200 or 36-201, Statistics
  Freshman Seminar
• 82-xxx, Consecutive Language
• Linguistics Structure course**
• xx-xxx, Elective*

3rd semester
• 80-282, Phonetics & Phonology I
• Linguistics Meaning course***
• Breadth Requirement Area 1
• xx-xxx, Elective*
• xx-xxx, Elective*

4th semester
• Breadth Requirement Area 2
• xx-xxx, Elective*
• xx-xxx, Elective*
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*Elective: This space can be used for a pre-requisite course, another GenEd course, major course, or for a course you are interested in.
**Linguistics Structure courses: 80-280 or 80-285
***Linguistics Meaning courses: 76-385 or 80-381 or 80-383