

LINGUISTICS 2009-10



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

THE LINGUISTICS MAJOR

The linguistics major is designed to acquaint students with the central aspects of linguistic structure and the methodologies and perspectives of the field.

STUDY AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ B.A. in linguistics; M.A. and Ph.D. programs in theoretical linguistics; undergraduate minor
- ◆ Opportunities to study abroad through the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP)

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High school students who plan to major in linguistics at UC Santa Cruz are not required to have any special background in linguistics. But they will find it useful to begin study of a foreign language in high school and complete more than the minimum courses in science and mathematics.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Transfer students who intend to major in linguistics should, if possible, take one or two linguistics courses before entering UC Santa Cruz, conceivably during UC Santa Cruz's Summer Session. In addition, students will find it helpful to have completed general education requirements.

While it is not a condition of admission, students from California community colleges may complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) in preparation for transfer to UC Santa Cruz.

Transfer course agreements and articulation between the University of California and California community colleges can be accessed on the ASSIST web site at:

www.assist.org

RECOGNITION

Professor Judith Aissen was elected a Fellow of the Linguistic Society of America at the 82nd Annual Meeting in January 2008. This honor recognizes her distinguished theoretical and empirical contributions to the discipline, and especially to the linguistics of the Mayan languages. Professor Aissen joins Professor Sandra Chung of the UCSC Linguistics Department, who was named a Fellow of the Society in 2007.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to complete the following 12 courses in linguistics and related disciplines:

- *Seven foundation courses in linguistics:*
 - 50, *Introduction to Linguistics*
 - 52, *Syntax I*
 - 53, *Semantics I*
 - 101, *Phonology I*
 - 102, *Phonology II*
 - 113, *Syntax II*
 - 116, *Semantics II*
- *Five upper-division elective courses* in linguistics, or approved substitutes in related fields.

Students may petition the department to have elective courses offered through other institutions or other UC programs applied toward the major requirements. Such courses must clearly fit into a coherent program of study in linguistics.

CAREERS

- Language engineering
- Information processing: computer science and computer technology, information sciences, library science
- Speech technology: speech synthesis and speech recognition
- Advanced study in linguistics or in related fields (such as experimental psychology or language or child development)
- Education: educational research, bilingual education
- Teaching: English, English as a second language, other languages
- Speech pathology
- Law

These are only samples of the field's many possibilities.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE/MATHEMATICS COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT

Linguistics majors are required to demonstrate either foreign language or mathematics competency as follows:

Foreign language competency: students must successfully complete six quarters of language study at UC Santa Cruz or demonstrate an equivalent level of competence through a recognized language test or evidence of credit from another institution.

Mathematics competency: Alternatively, students with a strong formal background can choose to satisfy the mathematics competency requirement by demonstrating sufficient preparation in mathematics for advanced formal work in linguistics. This requirement is satisfied by passing two courses from the following list:

- Mathematics 11A, *Calculus with Applications*, 19A, *Calculus for Science, Engineering, and Mathematics*, or 21, *Linear Algebra*
- Computer Science 5C, 5J, or 5P, *Introduction to Programming*
- Computer Engineering 16, *Applied Discrete Mathematics*
- Economics 11A, *Mathematical Methods for Economists*
- Any course that has one of the above courses as a prerequisite

SENIOR EXIT REQUIREMENT

In their senior year, linguistics majors must satisfy the senior exit requirement in one of two ways.

Option 1: Successful completion of a capstone course. Students may designate an appropriate upper-division linguistics course as their capstone course.

In addition to fulfilling the normal requirements for the designated course, such students concurrently enroll in the Linguistics 190 Senior Research Series (two credits, enrollment limited to 12) with the instructor, and produce a research paper, or other significant project.

Prior to enrolling in 190, students must have completed Course 52, *Syntax I* and 101, *Phonology I*.

Option 2: Successful completion of a senior thesis supervised by a linguistics faculty member. The proposal for a senior thesis must be submitted for departmental approval at least one year prior to the quarter of graduation.

Students enroll in Linguistics 195 (*Senior Thesis*) with the faculty adviser.

EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM (EAP)

The Education Abroad Program (EAP) offers undergraduate students the opportunity to study at more than 100 host universities and colleges in 34 countries as part of their regular UC academic program. Students receiving financial aid can apply their award to a program abroad.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For further information about the linguistics major, see:
reg.ucsc.edu/catalog/html/programs_courses/lingPS.html

The Linguistics Department web site can be found at:
ling.ucsc.edu

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