Advising Sheet: B.A. in Linguistics (AY 2026-2027 requirements)

Note: *All students need a minimum of 120 credits to graduate*

Student's Name:

Anticipated graduation term:

General Education Requirements

Term	Requirement	Course taken and comments
	First Year Experience	
	WRT 120/WRT 123	
	WRT 2xx	
	MAT 103 or higher	
	Art	
	Behavioral and Social Science Course #1	
	Behavioral and Social Science Course #2	
	Humanities #1	
	Humanities #2	
	Science Course #1	
	Science Course #2	
	Writing Emphasis (W) Course #1	
	Writing Emphasis (W) Course #2	
	Writing Emphasis (W) Course #3	
	Speaking Emphasis (S) Course #1	
	Speaking Emphasis (S) Course #2	
	Speaking Emphasis (S) Course #3	
	Interdisciplinary (I) Course	
	Diverse Communities (DIV) Course	
	Ethics (E) Course	

To complete the WCUPA General Education program, you must take **approved** courses with the following prefixes. **Not every course with these prefixes counts towards the Gen Ed requirement.**

- **First Year Writing (WRT) Courses:** 200, 204, 205, 206, 208, 220
- **Art Prefixes:** ART, ARH, DAN, *FLM, EGE, ESP, GER, SPA, AMF, MHL, MTC, THA
- **Behavioral and Social Sciences Prefixes:** ANT, ECO, GEO, NTD, PSC, PSY, SOC
- **Humanities Prefixes:** HIS, PHI, RUX 110 (LAN/LNC, LIN prefixes **not allowed**)
- **Science Prefixes:** BIO, CHE, CSC, ESS, GEO 104, NTD, PHY, SCI

WE, SE, I, DIV and E requirements: Many of the writing emphasis (WE), Speaking emphasis (SE), Interdisciplinary (I), Diverse communities (DIV) and Ethics (E) courses can be taken as part of the LIN major courses, i.e., it's not necessary to take courses outside of the major to satisfy most of these requirements. Students will work with their advisor to identify courses that can satisfy LIN BA major and WE, SE, I, DIV and E requirements.

Transfer students: Depending on the number of courses transferred to WCU, students may be required to complete fewer Gen-Ed, WE, SE, I, DIV and E requirements. Satisfied requirements will be posted on the student's Degree Audit on RamPortal.

Language Requirement

Term	Requirement	Comments
	Language 101	
	Language 102	
	Language 201	
	Language 202	

Language minors: If the student completes four semesters in a language, only two more semesters (18 credits total) will give them a language minor. Students will work with their advisor to assess whether this is an option.

Double majors: If the student is a double major and the other major requires a language, that language covers the Linguistics B.A. language requirement.

Proficiency requirement: The language requirement can also be satisfied if the student already has sufficient proficiency in a language other than English that is equal or higher than the equivalent of the 202 level. Students should contact the Department of Languages and Cultures assesses whether they can satisfy their language requirement this way: https://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/languagescultures/contact.aspx

Culture cluster option: Linguistics majors do not have access to the culture cluster option to satisfy their language requirement.

Transfer students: Because transfer students typically have a shorter timeline towards graduation, it is critical that they start their language requirement courses as soon as possible.

Linguistics B.A. Core Courses

Term	Linguistics Core Course	Comments
	LIN 230: Introduction to Linguistics	
	ENG 331: Structure of Modern English	
	LIN 332: Phonetics and Phonology (*typically offered in the fall)* - **SE course**	
	LIN 350: Semantics and Pragmatics (*typically offered in the spring)*	

Linguistics B.A. Major Electives

All linguistics majors are required to take 18 credits (6 courses) elective courses that count towards the B.A. (2)

Term	Course	Comments

Linguistics Major Electives

- ENG 240: Language, Gender, and Sexuality (WE, DIV)
- ENG 325: Stylistics: The Language of Literature (WE)
- ENG 339: Dialects of American English (SE)
- ENG 340: Sociolinguistics (E)
- FRE 302: Phonetics and Advance Oral French
- GER 325: Introduction to German Linguistics
- LIN 211: Language Communities in the U.S. (WE, DIV)
- LIN 300: Language and the Internet (E)
- LIN 333: Conversation Analysis (I)
- LIN 355: Computational Linguistics
- LIN 373: Language Change
- ANT/LIN 380: Language & Culture
- LIN 388: Corpus Linguistics (SE)
- SPA 340: Study of Bilingualism: An Introduction
- SPA 353: Introduction to the Study of Language: Spanish
- SPA 365: Spanish Phonetics
- SPA 370: History of the Spanish Language

Additional approved LIN electives: Other courses besides those in this list may be approved as LIN major electives, in consultation between the student, the student's advisor and the LIN Program Director. The LIN Program Director will review all such alternatives for approval.

Advanced Course Requirements

Term	Course	Comments
	LIN 411: Seminar in Linguistics (Topical)	
	LIN 412: Linguistics Capstone	

Additional approved LIN electives: Other courses besides LIN411 and LIN412 may be approved as LIN advanced courses, in consultation between the student, the student's advisor and the LIN Program Director. The LIN Program Director will review all such alternatives for approval.

Electives

(to complete 120 credits for graduation)

Term	Elective course	Comments

Minors and/or double majors: Linguistics majors are strongly encouraged to use their elective courses to get to 120 credits for graduation to fulfill the requirements of minors or even a double major. Minors and/or double majors will broaden your knowledge of content and skills in other areas, and will become an important qualification in your future professional life. Linguistics majors are encouraged to start a conversation about the feasibility of one (or several) minors and/or a double major as early as possible in their WCU career. **Keep in mind that majors and minors that offer 'double dipping' opportunities via LIN elective courses (including ENG, ANT, or a language major) are particularly easy to complete in conjunction with a Linguistics BA.**

Transfer courses: Students may be allowed to transfer courses to apply to their WCU career. Please note that, as per university policy, 50% of the courses in a student's major area of concentration must be completed at WCU for graduation. All transfer courses will post with a T grade. No transfer course can be used to replace an F grade in a WCU course, although they can be used to satisfy General Education requirements. Please consult approved General Education equivalences as posted on the WCU Transfer Credit Center:

https://www.wcupa.edu/registrar/transfercredit.aspx.

For LIN major courses specifically, all transfers will have to be pre-approved by the Linguistics Program Director.