LINGUISTICS MINOR

Banner Code: LING

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Linguistics is the scientific study of language. Language is studied descriptively, theoretically, computationally, psychologically, and as a social phenomenon. The field of linguistics thus informs and is informed by many other areas of study, including philosophy, psychology, sociology, computer science, the study of individual languages and literature, literary studies, and education.

This minor introduces the fundamental concepts of modern linguistic theory and explores how these concepts relate to various other disciplines.

Faculty
Back, Goldin, Jones, Leeman, Morrill, Roman-Mendoza, Serafini, Weinberger (director), Wulf

Admissions & Policies

Policies
Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4).

Requirements

Minor Requirements
Total credits: 15

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

General Linguistics

Code Title Credits
LING 306 General Linguistics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) 3

Total Credits 3

Syntactic Theory, Phonological Theory, or Linguistic Semantics

Code Title Credits
Select one course from the following: 3
LING 486 Syntax I
LING 490 Generative Phonology

Total Credits 3

Electives

Code Title Credits
Select three from the following: 1 9
Any LING course (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/ling/)
ANTH 114 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) 3
COMM 305 Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) 3
FRLN 380 Topics in the Sociopolitics of Language 3
FRLN 385 Multilingualism, Identity, and Power (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) 3
Any foreign language course beyond 202 (http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/)

Total Credits 9

1 Other elective courses, when topic is relevant, may be applied to the minor with the prior written approval of the director.