LINGUISTICS

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Programs and courses in Linguistics are administered by the Linguistics Coordinator.

An undergraduate degree in linguistics provides opportunities to study the formal, functional and systemic nature of language and languages as both social and cognitive phenomena. Although a discipline in its own right, linguistics has cognate relationships with many disciplines, suggested by the interdisciplinary nature of many of the courses in the program. Faculty members from:

- Anthropology
- English
- French
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology

and other disciplines participate.

Programs

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) is a well-established, foundational degree and requires the requirements listed below alongside general graduation requirements (https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/faculties/faculty-arts/bachelor-arts/).

Major in Linguistics

A major in linguistics requires a minimum of thirty-nine (39) credit hours, including:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
LING 1200	Introduction to Linguistics	6
LING 2309	Phonetics	3
LING 2310	Sound Patterns in Language I	3
LING 2330	Syntax	3
LING 2340	Semantics: Meaning in Language	3
Select at least 6 credit hours from the following:		6
LING 3310	Sound Patterns in Language II	
LING 3320	Morphology	
LING 3330	Advanced Syntax	
Select 15 additional credit hours at the 2000 level or above in LING, of which at least 12 must be at the 3000 level or above		15
Total Credit Hours		**39**

Concentration in Linguistics

A Concentration in linguistics requires a minimum of twenty-four (24) credit hours in linguistics including:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
LING 1200	Introduction to Linguistics	6
Select at least 6 credit hours from the following:		6
LING 2309	Phonetics	
LING 2310	Sound Patterns in Language I	
LING 2330	Syntax	
LING 2340	Semantics: Meaning in Language	
Select 12 additional credit hours at the 3000 level or above in LING or from the list of approved courses below		12
Total Credit Hours		**24**

Honours in Linguistics

An honours degree requires a minimum of sixty (60) credit hours including:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
LING 1200	Introduction to Linguistics	6
LING 2309	Phonetics	3
LING 2310	Sound Patterns in Language I	3
LING 2330	Syntax	3
LING 2340	Semantics: Meaning in Language	3
Select at least six credit hours of the following:		6
LING 3310	Sound Patterns in Language II	
LING 3320	Morphology	
LING 3330	Advanced Syntax	
Select at least six credit hours of the following:		6
LING 4420 - LING 4432	Topics in Linguistic Theory	
LING 4510 - LING 4520	Topics in Applied Linguistics	
Select six credit hours at the 2000 level or above in a language other than English, or at any level in the Mi'kmaw language		6
Select 24 additional credit hours at the 2000 level or above in LING, of which at least 6 must be at the 3000 level or above		24
Total Credit Hours		**60**

Minor in Linguistics

A minor in linguistics requires a minimum of twenty-four (24) credit hours in linguistics including:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
LING 1200	Introduction to Linguistics	6
Select at least six credits from the following:		6
LING 2309	Phonetics	
LING 2310	Sound Patterns in Language I	
LING 2330	Syntax	
LING 2340	Semantics: Meaning in Language	
Select 12 credit hours selected from courses at or above the 2000 level from the LING or cross-approved courses listed below		12
Total Credit Hours		**24**

Approved Saint Mary's University Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 1290	Introducing Language and Society	3
ANTH 2392	Linguistic Anthropology	3
ANTH 3308	Signs and Symbols	3
ANTH 3391	Learning a Field Language	3
ANTH 3395		
ANTH 3396	Language Use and Issues in Canada	3
ANTH 4491	Language and Culture	3
ANTH 4492	Ethnography of Communication	3
ENGL 2311	Modern English Language	3
ENGL 2326	Language and Gender	3
ENGL 3402	History of the English Language	6
ENGL 4493	Doing Discourse Analysis	3
ENGL 4494	Approaches to Discourse Analysis	3
FREN 3320	French Phonetics	3
FREN 4440	Canadian French: Sociolinguistic Perspectives	3
IRST 2346	A Sociolinguistic History of Ireland	3
LING 2309	Phonetics	3
LING 2310	Sound Patterns in Language I	3
LING 2330	Syntax	3
LING 2340	Semantics: Meaning in Language	3
LING 3310	Sound Patterns in Language II	3
LING 3320	Morphology	3
LING 3330	Advanced Syntax	3
LING 3350	Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Linguistics	3
LING 3826 - LING 3849	Special Topics in Linguistics	
LING 4420 - LING 4432	Topics in Linguistic Theory	
LING 4510 - LING 4520	Topics in Applied Linguistics	
LING 4826 - LING 4849	Special Topics in Linguistics	
LING 4876 - LING 4899	Directed Reading in Linguistics	
PHIL 3402	Philosophy of Language	3

Certificate
Certificate in Linguistics

The Certificate in Linguistics provides an opportunity to explore the structure and function of languages and how their systematic nature makes human communication possible. The Certificate in Linguistics is designed to provide a foundation in linguistics to complement study in related fields, such as:

- language teaching
- anthropology
- sociology
- business
- computer studies

The program consists of thirty (30) credit hours and is intended primarily for students already holding degrees in any discipline.

Admission

Admission to the certificate program requires a formal application for admission. Students taking the certificate while completing a bachelor's degree must obtain official approval of the Coordinator for Linguistics. Students majoring in Linguistics at Saint Mary's University are **not** eligible for this program.

Program Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
LING 1200	Introduction to Linguistics	6
Select six credits of the following:		6
LING 2309	Phonetics	
LING 2310	Sound Patterns in Language I	
LING 2330	Syntax	
LING 2340	Semantics: Meaning in Language	
LING 3320	Morphology	
Select three credit hours at the 3000 level or above from the approved list below		3
Select 15 additional credit hours from the approved list below		15
Total Credit Hours		**30**

With the permission of the Coordinator for Linguistics, one of these courses can be other than a Linguistics course. Typically, this course would be one suitable for the student's objectives, such as an upper level class in a second language, formal logic or computing studies.

Fifteen (15) of the thirty (30) credit hours must be completed at Saint Mary's University. A minimum GPA of 2.00 out of 4.3 in this Certificate Program is required for graduation.

Teacher Certification

In September 2002, the Provincial Department of Education's Minister's Advisory Committee on Teacher Certification approved the Certificate in Linguistics program in general for teacher certification purposes. Any teacher interested in pursuing this certificate program for teacher certification purposes **must** request individual approval of the program from the Registrar - Teacher Certification **prior** to registration in this program.

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ENGL 2311	Modern English Language	3
ENGL 2326	Language and Gender	3
ENGL 3402	History of the English Language	6

ENGL 4493	Doing Discourse Analysis	3
ENGL 4494	Approaches to Discourse Analysis	3
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LING 3320	Morphology	3
LING 3330	Advanced Syntax	3
LING 3350	Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Linguistics	3
LING 3826 - LING 3849	Special Topics in Linguistics	
LING 4401 - LING 4409	Topics in Linguistic Theory	
LING 4501 - LING 4509	Topics in Applied Linguistics	
LING 4826 - LING 4849	Special Topics in Linguistics	
LING 4876 - LING 4899	Directed Reading in Linguistics	
PHIL 3402	Philosophy of Language	3