

BA with a Major In Linguistics (effective Fall 2025)

Degree Requirements

To earn a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Sciences degree from UIC, students must complete university, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Linguistics degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the College of Liberal Arts and sciences section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Code	Title	Hours
Summary of Requirements		
Major Requirements		27
General Education and Electives to Reach Minimum Total Hours		93
Total Hours		120

General Education

See General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline in the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) section for information on meeting these requirements.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
LING 150	Introduction to the Study of Language	3
LING 160	Language and Society	3
Select three of the following: ^a		9
LING 210	Introduction to Natural Language Syntax	
LING 220	Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology	
LING 230	Semantics, Pragmatics, and Discourse	
LING 260	Language Acquisition, Language Contact and Bilingualism	
Four additional LING elective courses		12
Of these 12 elective hours, at least 9 semester hours must be taken at the 300 level or above. At least 6 semester hours at the 300 level or above must come from LING.		
Total Hours		27

- a All four of these options satisfy the LAS Writing-in-the-Discipline requirement.
- b A maximum of 6 semester hours of LING 300 and a maximum of 6 semester hours of LING 459 may count toward this requirement. With advisor approval, a maximum of 6 semester hours of 300-level linguistic courses taught in Spanish may count toward this requirement.

Recommended Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
LING 150	Introduction to the Study of Language	3
Foreign Language		4
Quantitative Reasoning course		3-4
Hours		13-14
Spring Semester		
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
LING 160	Language and Society	3
Foreign Language		4
Analyzing the Natural World (with Lab) General Education course		4
Hours		14
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
LING 210	Introduction to Natural Language Syntax	3
or LING 220	or Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology	
or LING 230	or Semantics, Pragmatics, and Discourse	
or LING 260	or Language Acquisition, Language Contact and Bilingualism	
Foreign Language		4
Analyzing the Natural World (with Lab) General Education course		4
General Education Core course		3
Elective		3
Hours		17
Spring Semester		
LING 210	Introduction to Natural Language Syntax	3
or LING 220	or Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology	
or LING 230	or Semantics, Pragmatics, and Discourse	
or LING 260	or Language Acquisition, Language Contact and Bilingualism	
Foreign Language		4
General Education Core course		3
Electives		6
Hours		16
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
LING 210	Introduction to Natural Language Syntax	3
or LING 220	or Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology	
or LING 230	or Semantics, Pragmatics, and Discourse	
or LING 260	or Language Acquisition, Language Contact and Bilingualism	
General Education Core course		3
LING Elective ^b		3
Electives		6
Hours		15
Spring Semester		
General Education Core course		3
LING Elective ^c		3
Electives		9
Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
General Education Core course		3
LING Elective ^c		3
Electives		9
Hours		15
Spring Semester		
LING Elective ^c		3

Electives	12
Hours	15
Total Hours	120

- a *LING 150 satisfies the Understanding the Individual and Society General Education category.*
- b *LING 160 satisfies the Understanding U.S. Society and the Understanding the Individual and Society General Education categories.*
- c *12 semester hours of electives are required within the major, at least 9 hours of which must be taken at the 300 level or above. At least 6 semester hours at the 300 level or above must come from LING.*