**INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR**

**Linguistics** is the scientific study of language. Linguists seek to understand the use, structure, and meaning of language by investigating languages from around the world, how languages change over time, and the relationship of language to society and cognition. Linguistics is interdisciplinary, drawing on and contributing to work in anthropology, philosophy, psychology, and computer science. Through a strong tradition of research collaboration, linguists at Berkeley conduct cutting-edge research on language, deepening and enriching our understanding of this unique human trait.

**AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR**
- Join a student organization such as the Society of Linguistics Undergraduate Students (SLUgS).
- Work directly with a graduate student on research through the Linguistics Research Apprentice Practicum.
- Visit the California Language Archive, a catalog of indigenous language materials.
- Participate in the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Linguistic Institute.

**THE MAJOR CURRICULUM**

Students in linguistics benefit from an intense, personalized academic experience through smaller classes.

The foundational course is LINGUIS 100 (“Introduction to Linguistic Science”), a general survey of linguistics. Students then take upper division courses which focus on different aspects of language.

Students have ample opportunities to work with faculty and graduate students on research projects, and are encouraged to participate in student groups such as the Society of Linguistics Undergraduate Students (SLUgS).

**CONNECT WITH US**

- **Cal Day**: Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.
- **Golden Bear Orientation**: Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.
- **Events**: Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit lx.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

**ADVISING**

Students can schedule appointments or email general questions to the major advisor at LingMajorAdvisor@berkeley.edu.

**HOW TO USE THIS MAP**

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
LINGUISTICS

Bachelor of Arts

DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

FIRST YEAR

Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plan.
Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
Enroll in LINGU 24, LINGU 25, or another lower division course in Linguistics.

SECOND YEAR

Enroll in LINGU 100, the only prerequisite to declare the major.
After completing LINGU 100, declare the major by submitting your Major Declaration Petition.
Review major guidelines for study abroad and explore related programs.
Consider participating in the Linguistics Enrichment Experience Program (LEEP).

THIRD YEAR

Continue taking the major’s core requirements and start approved upper division electives.
Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.
Participate in research activities like Linguistics Research Apprentice Practicum (LRAP).
Ask the major advisor about the Linguistics Honors Program.

FOURTH YEAR

Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

The Linguistics major provides a variety of career and graduate school possibilities. Graduates go on to work in a range of fields, including health services, speech technology, legal consulting, writing, teaching, data mining, lexicography, and translation.

Jobs and Employers

Analytical Linguist, Google Assistant Language Teacher, JET Behavioral Interventionist, Co. for Autism and Related Disorders Biological Research Asst., UC Berkeley Content Manager Educational Technology Editor Forensic Linguist Linguist, Sensory, Inc. Linguistic Localization Consultant Litigation Paralegal Trainee, ComputerLaw Group Professional Brand Namer Research scientist Site Reliability Engineer, Google Software Engineer, Abstract Technical Writer UJUX/Web Developer, AXA Rosenberg User Experience Strategist Video Editor, Udemy

Graduate Programs

Computer Engineering, Masters Elementary Education, Masters Law, JD Linguistics, PhD Spanish Language and Lit., Masters Speech-Language Pathology, Masters Urban Community Planning, Masters

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.