

Language Studies

Welcome to the Language Studies major! This is an interdisciplinary major, sponsored by the Department of Linguistics, in cooperation with the Language Program. It is a challenging major, which has two principle aims: (1) to provide students with a thorough competence in at least one language other than English, and (2) to provide students with an understanding of the general nature of human language – its structure and use. To achieve these objectives, the Language Studies major has three basic components:

- The Language Component
- The Linguistics Component
- The Context/Elective Component

Pertinent Office Information:

The Department of Linguistics can be contacted at (831) 459-4988 or (831) 459-2905. Feel free to email us at: ling@ucsc.edu Undergraduate advising is done by appointment. Students are encouraged to read about the major on our website: <http://ling.ucsc.edu/>

Declaring the Major:

To declare your major, print a declaration of major form via your student portal, and meet with a preceptor to fill out and sign off on the first section of the form. Next, attend one of the departmental “Declaration & Orientation Meetings”.

Requirements for the Major:

Language Requirements: French, German, Modern Hebrew, Italian, Russian, or Spanish majors: equivalent of two years instruction at UCSC and the equivalent of one year of a second language. Chinese and Japanese majors: equivalent of levels 1-6, and then 50, and two of 103, 104, or 105.

Linguistics Requirements: 6 courses: Intro. to Linguistics, Phonology, Syntax, Semantics, and two upper division linguistics electives.

Context/Elective Requirements Language Studies majors take 1 context courses taught in their primary language, that requires level 6 as a prerequisite (please refer to the on-line handbook for more details at: http://ling.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/PDF/08-09_UG_handbook.pdf) There are many ways of satisfying the elective requirement (a total of five electives are required). You can take any upper division Linguistics course (not already required for the major) or you may petition to have a linguistics-related course from another department count towards one or two of the elective requirements. Please pay careful attention to the prerequisites of the various Linguistics courses and plan accordingly. Or, you may opt to have additional Context courses here.

Senior Exit Requirement: Students should refer to the current undergraduate handbook (located on-line at: http://ling.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/PDF/08-09_UG_handbook.pdf for a complete description of the exit requirement options.

Study Abroad:

Students in the major are strongly encouraged to study abroad (typically in the junior year and typically under the University of California's Education Abroad Program). Students often use courses taken abroad to satisfy Context Requirements for the major.