

# Linguistics

Welcome to the Department of Linguistics! Linguistics is the study of language. Language is multi-faceted, and consequently linguistics is a multi-faceted discipline. At UCSC the Linguistics program focuses on structural aspects of language, including semantics (the study of meaning), phonology (the study of speech sound patterns), and syntax (the study of sentences).

## ***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](mailto: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:***

***Course Requirements:*** To receive your B.A. in Linguistics you will need to complete 12 courses: 2 syntax courses, 2 semantics courses, 2 phonology courses, 1 foundation courses (Intro. to Linguistics), and five electives. You must also satisfy the senior exit requirement.

***Foreign Language or Mathematics Competency Requirement:*** Students must successfully complete the equivalent of six quarters of language study at UCSC (three quarters for Latin or Greek). Alternatively, students with a strong formal background in mathematics can choose to satisfy this requirement by demonstrating sufficient preparation in mathematics for advanced formal work in linguistics. Students interested in pursuing the mathematics option should discuss this further with the undergraduate advisor (please see “*Pertinent Office Information*” above for contact information).

***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](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).