

PROPOSAL FOR A MINOR IN LINGUISTICS

Rationale: Given the history of consistent student and faculty demand, for the past year a working group consisting of faculty members from various departments at the East Carolina University has been meeting to develop an interdisciplinary minor in linguistics to be housed within the Department of English. This interdisciplinary minor, which may be organized across departmental lines to allow for coordination of class offering and schedules, presents a structure of requirements which will enable the student to acquire the basic notions of linguistic theory while at the same time provides freedom to build a personalized curriculum within the offerings depending on the student's interests and advisor's guidance. The Department of English has been chosen to house the minor because of the number of linguistics courses already offered in the department, the quantity and quality of the linguistics faculty, and the demonstrated interest and support of the English Department for this minor.

The Department of English, alongside the fervent support obtained from other departments, manifested in the strong letters of support received during the approval process, has already committed faculty and other resources to the development of the linguistics area of interest, and the development of the minor would be a natural outgrowth of the support of all the departments involved. In addition, this minor in linguistics will enhance course offerings in related areas of study and draw interested students to the Department of English and to the other departments supporting the minor.

LINGUISTICS MINOR

Linguistics is the scientific study of language, of the common properties shared by all languages, and of the functions of language in human life and society. The minor in linguistics provides students with an opportunity to study the background of linguistic theory, the applications of language and its theory in the learning and teaching of second or foreign languages, and the social and cultural uses of language in society and communication. The courses are designed to help students have a better understanding of how human communication takes place in an ever more globalized society, with greater encounters with different languages. This curriculum complements a wide range of liberal arts majors by promoting students' critical thinking, cultural awareness and analysis, and communication skills. Additionally, the minor in linguistics will better prepare students to pursue different professional and/or graduate careers in related fields, including but not limited to Speech and Language Pathology, English and Second/Foreign Language instruction, and Psychology.

Students taking this interdisciplinary minor in linguistics, following the guidance of their assigned advisor, will be asked to establish connections between a wide variety of classes, ranging from core courses on theoretical linguistics to classes describing and practicing more applied uses of language in a classroom setting as well as in other social and cultural contexts. Additionally, the students in the minor will benefit from course offerings from different departments and schools, including English, Anthropology, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Philosophy, Communication, and Communication Sciences and Disorders. Other appropriate courses, including special topic courses (when the theme is relevant) may be considered for inclusion as electives upon review by the director. Minimum degree requirement is **24 s.h.** of credit.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Core 9 s.h.

1. ENGL 3750. Introductory Linguistics
2. ENGL 3730. The Structure of English: Phonology and Morphology; or
SPAN 3225: Phonetics and Phonology of Spanish
3. ENGL 3740. The Structure of English: Syntax and Semantics; or
SPAN 3335: The Structure of Spanish

A course on the structure and phonology of another language could be counted as part of the core with permission of the director of the minor.

2. Electives (5 classes, 15 hrs.)

1. ANTH 2760. Afro-Caribbean Language and Culture
2. ANTH 3300. Language and Culture
3. ANTH 3720. Writing Systems of the World
4. COMM 3180. Intercultural Communication
5. COMM 4135. Gender and Communication
6. CSDI 3010. Phonetics
7. CSDI 3020. Language Development
8. CSDI 3050. Acquisition and Development of Phonology and Articulation
9. ENGL 2700. Introduction to Language Studies
10. ENGL 2710 or ENGL 2730. English Grammar
11. ENGL 2740. Language in the USA
12. ENGL 3700. History of the English Language
13. ENGL 4710. Teaching English as a Second Language: Theories and Principles
14. ENGL 4720. Applied Linguistics for Language Teachers
15. ENGL 4730. Language and Society
16. ENGL or ANTH 3770. Language Universals
17. FREN or GERM or SPAN 4611. Teaching Second Language
18. PHIL 4283 Philosophy of Language
19. PSYC 2250. Special topics: The Psychology of Language