BA in Applied Linguistics

Admission

Students applying to the BA program in applied linguistics must meet Wichita State University's requirements for admission as an undergraduate, including an ACT composite score of 21 or higher or a minimum combined score SAT-I score of 1080, or rank in the top third of the high school graduating class. Students must complete the Kansas Qualified Admissions Pre-College Curriculum with a 2.000 GPA average on a 4.000 scale. Prior to entering the program, students must be admitted to WSU and meet the minimum requirements for entrance into the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. New students should contact the Office of Admissions (https://www.wichita.edu/admissions/)[1] or International Education (https://www.wichita.edu/international/)[1] regarding admission to WSU.

There is no departmental application for the undergraduate program. For questions regarding becoming an applied linguistics major, please contact the linguistics program director, Dr. Mythili Menon.

[1] Link opens new window.

Program Requirements

A minimum total of 120 credit hours is required for the BA in applied linguistics with an overall GPA of 2.000, WSU GPA of 2.000 and program GPA of 2.000. The major consists of 33 credit hours and students can choose between one of three concentrations. In addition to meeting the requirements of the WSU General Education Program (http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/) and the requirements of the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, students in the BA in applied linguistics must complete the distributed coursework as follows:

Course	Title	Hours
General Education		
Select courses to meet General Education requirements [1]		34-35
College Requirements		
Select courses to complete all LAS Competency Areas [1]		36
Major Requirements		
Select one of the concentrations below		33
Open Electives		
Select enough electives to reach 120 credit hours		16-17
Total Credit Hours		**120**

[1] Required major courses may also count towards General Education and/or LAS Competencies. Students will need to select additional electives to reach 120 credit hours required for graduation with assistance from an advisor.

General Linguistics Concentration

Course	Title	Hours
Core Requirements (18 credit hours)		
LING 151	Nature of Language	3
LING 304	Early Language Development	3
or LING 306	Applied Phonetics	
LING 315	Introduction to English Linguistics	3
LING 317	History of the English Language	3
or LING 665	Advanced History of the English Language	
LING 351	Linguistics and World Languages	3
or ANTH 352	Linguistic Anthropology	
LING 663	Languages and Language Attitudes in USA	3
or LING 667	English Syntax	
or LING 668	Field Methods of Linguistics	
Capstone (3 credit hours)		
ENGL 481	Cooperative Education	3
Electives (12 credit hours)		
Select 12 credit hours of work in other linguistics courses. Students may take the opportunity to focus their elective courses on a particular track for example: ASL and Speech Pathology (LING 270, CSD 301, LING 506, CSD 512); Philosophy and Mathematics (PHIL 325, MATH 322); Hispanic Linguistics (LING 505C, LING 546, LING 547); Linguistics of World Languages (LING 505C, LING 635).		12
Total Credit Hours		**33**

Speech Pathology and Communication Sciences Concentration

Course	Title	Hours
Core Requirements (18 credit hours)		
LING 151	Nature of Language	3
CSD 251	Auditory Development and Disorders	3
LING 270	Introductory American Sign Language	3
LING 304	Early Language Development	3
LING 306	Applied Phonetics	3
LING 315	Introduction to English Linguistics	3
Capstone (3 credit hours)		
ENGL 481	Cooperative Education	3
Electives (12 credit hours)		
Select 12 credit hours of work in other linguistics courses. Students may take the opportunity to focus their elective courses on a particular track for example: ASL and Speech Pathology (LING 270, CSD 301, LING 506, CSD 512); Philosophy and Mathematics (PHIL 325, MATH 322); Hispanic Linguistics (LING 505C, LING 546, LING 547); Linguistics of World Languages (LING 505C, LING 635).		12
Total Credit Hours		**33**

Computer Science and Data Science Concentration

Course	Title	Hours
Core Requirements (30 credit hours)		
MATH 111	College Algebra	3
LING 151	Nature of Language	3
CS 211 & 211L	Introduction to Programming and Prob Slv/Prog Lab	4
CS 311 & 311L	Object-Oriented Programming and Object-Oriented Programming Lab	4
LING 315	Introduction to English Linguistics	3
STAT 370	Elementary Statistics	3
CS 400 & 400L	Data Structures and Data Structures Lab I	4
CS 410	Programming Paradigms	3
CS 697AQ	Web Programming	3
Electives (3 credit hours)		

Select 3 credit hours of work in other linguistics courses. Students may take the opportunity to focus their elective courses on a particular track for example: ASL and Speech Pathology (LING 270, CSD 301, LING 506, CSD 512); Philosophy and Mathematics (MATH 111, PHIL 325, MATH 242, MATH 322); Hispanic Linguistics (LING 505C, LING 546, LING 547); Linguistics of World Languages (LING 505C, LING 635).	3
Total Credit Hours	**33**

Departmental Honors Program

The English department's honors goals for the applied linguistics major offers students an interdisciplinary, applied learning experience. The honors track is composed of coursework and a faculty guided senior thesis. Interested students may apply to the linguistics honors track at the same time as they declare the undergraduate major. A minimum GPA of 3.000 in all linguistics coursework is required at the time of application. Applicants must also submit a letter describing their goals for participating in the linguistics honors track and obtain a faculty member's approval to work with them on the final honors project at the time of application.

Honors Program Requirements

Students admitted into the linguistics honors track must complete the following requirements while maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.000 in all linguistics coursework to receive the departmental honors designation on their diploma and transcript. Majors who choose to participate in the honors program are provided with the opportunity to investigate theoretical issues and empirical phenomena at a level far more intensive than is possible in a typical undergraduate course.

- Complete additional projects within two linguistics undergraduate courses (6 credit hours). Contact the department for permission to enroll. Honors course options can be added to any of the courses below:
  - LING 151 Nature of Language
  - LING 152 Language of Food
  - LING 304 Early Language Development
  - LING 306 Applied Phonetics
  - LING 315 Introduction to English Linguistics
  - LING 317 History of the English Language
  - LING 351 Linguistics and World Languages
  - LING 651 Language and Culture
  - LING 665 Advanced History of the English Language
  - LING 668 Field Methods of Linguistics
  - LING 664 Quantitative Methods for Literary and Linguistic Studies
  - LING 672 Dialectology
- Complete an honors portfolio. Students will maintain an on-going portfolio that will include class assignments, activities and reflections completed while participating in the linguistics honors track.
- Be a participating member of the Wichita Linguistics Club student organization.
- Complete a research activity with a linguistics faculty member during the final year of the program and give a public presentation on some aspect of the project during the final semester. Enrollment in HNRS 491 Honors Thesis is required. Contact the director of linguistics for permission to enroll.

Applied Learning

Students in the applied linguistics major are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by taking a class which has an applied learning component, by completing an applied linguistics capstone project (ENGL 481), or by participating in a service learning opportunity. Courses identified as having applied learning components are LING 152, LING 351, LING 663 and LING 668.