

# INTERDISCIPLINARY LINGUISTICS (LING)

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## DEGREES/PROGRAMS OFFERED

3-Year BA

4-Year BA

Honours BA

Minor

## INTRODUCTION

Linguistics examines the complexities of language use in daily communication in various social and cultural contexts. Its major subdisciplines include phonetics and phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics. A better understanding of how language encodes meaning helps students write, read and speak with greater confidence, fluency, and power. It also facilitates learning additional languages. A better understanding of how the cultural context influences and is influenced by linguistic choices enables students to better understand others and to extend their own range of and success with subtle forms of expression.

Through a 3-Year BA, 4-Year BA, or Honours BA, students investigate written and spoken, literary and non-literary texts from relevant theoretical perspectives. Many Linguistics courses are taken in departments such as Anthropology, Conflict Resolution Studies, Developmental Studies, English, Modern Languages and Literatures, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion & Culture, and Rhetoric, Writing & Communications, hence the interdisciplinary nature of the program.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN INTERDISCIPLINARY LINGUISTICS

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| <b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENT</b>      | Students must consult with the Program Coordinator in planning their course of study.  |
| <b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENT</b>     | 90 credit hours  |
| <b>RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT</b>      |  |
| Degree:                           | Minimum 30 credit hours  |
| Major:                            | Minimum 18 credit hours  |
| <b>GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b> |  |
| Humanities:                       | 12 credit hours in Humanities  |
| Science:                          | 6 credit hours in Science  |
| Writing:                          | Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing.  |
| Indigenous                        | 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses  |
| Maximum Introductory Courses:     | Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level.  |
| Distribution:                     | Minimum three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects.   |
| <b>MAJOR REQUIREMENT</b>          |  |
| <b>Single Major:</b>              | Minimum 30 credit hours/Maximum 48 credit hours in the Major subject.  |
| <b>Double Major:</b>              | 30 credit hours in Linguistics and specified number of credit hours in other departments/programs.   |
| Required Courses:                 | Minimum 24 credit hours from LIST A, including:<br>LING-1001(6)<br>6 credit hours from LING-2000 series<br>6 credit hours from LING-2100 series<br>6 credit hours from LING-3000, 3100, 3200, 3300 or 3400 series<br>Minimum 6 credit hours from LIST B. |
| <b>Combined Major:</b>            | Minimum 48 credit hours from two (2) different Majors with not less than 18 credit hours from each major subject.  |
| Prescribed Courses:               | LING-1001(6)<br>6 credit hours from LING-2000 series<br>3 credit hours from LING-2100 series<br>3 credit hours from LING-3000, 3100, 3200, 3300 or 3400 series   |

### First-Year Course:

The Introduction to Linguistics course **LING-1001(6)** should be taken in the first year if possible. This course introduces and prepares students for 2000-level linguistics courses.

### Upper-Level Courses:

Students in the Interdisciplinary Linguistics Program, are encouraged to take 2000, 2100, 2300 and 2400-level courses in their second year of studies and 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300 and 3400-level courses in their third year. The numbers and their order are significant in these courses. The first digit on the left represents the year of the course. This is true for all courses. If the second digit from the left is a 0, the course focuses primarily on language structure (e.g. 2001); if the second digit from the left is a 1, the course examines the use of language in the context of culture (e.g. 2101); if the second digit from the left is a 2, the course is a special studies or apprenticeship course, with a unique focus determined each year by the instructor (e.g. 3201); if the second digit from the left is a 3, the course is delivered in French; if the second digit from the left is 4, the course is delivered in German or Spanish.

Students registering in second-, and third-year-level courses may wish to consult with the course Instructor. All students registering in fourth-year/honours-level courses and/or declaring their major in Linguistics must have written approval from the Coordinator to register.

While fourth-year/honours-level courses are part of the Honours program, some students in the general program may be qualified to take them. Students who wish to take fourth-year/honours-level courses must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 in the Linguistics courses that they have completed. In addition, they require written permission from the Program Coordinator or their designate to register.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4-YEAR BA IN INTERDISCIPLINARY LINGUISTICS**

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| <b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENT</b>  | Students are urged to consult with the Coordinator in planning their studies.<br>Minimum 30 credit hours completed previously.      |
| <b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENT</b>   | 120 credit hours  |
| <b>RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT</b>  |   |
| Degree:   | Minimum 60 credit hours   |
| Major:  | Minimum 30 credit hours   |
| <b>GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b>   |   |
| Humanities:   | 12 credit hours in Humanities   |
| Science:  | 6 credit hours in Science   |
| Social Science:   | 12 credit hours in Social Science   |
| Writing:  | Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing.   |
| Maximum Introductory Courses:   | Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. |
| Distribution:   | Minimum three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects.  |
| <b>MAJOR REQUIREMENT</b>  |   |
| Single Major:   | Minimum 48 credit hours/Maximum 66 credit hours in the Major subject.   |
| Double Major:   | Minimum 48 credit hours in each Major subject as specified by the program.  |
| Required courses:   |   |
| Minimum 36 credit hours from LIST A and 12 credit hours from LIST B including the following |   |
| LING-1001(6) Introduction to Linguistics  |   |
| 6 credit hours from LING-2000 series  |   |
| 6 credit hours from LING-2100 series  |   |
| 6 credit hours from LING-3000, 3100, 3200, 3300 or 3400 series                              |   |
| Combined Major:   | Minimum 60 credit hours from two different majors with not less than 24 credit hours from each major subject                        |
| Prescribed Courses:   |   |
| Minimum 18 credit hours from LIST A and 6 credit hours from LIST B including the following  |   |
| LING-1001(6) Introduction to Linguistics  |   |
| 6 credit hours from LING-2000 series  |   |
| 3 credit hours from LING-2100 series  |   |
| 3 credit hours LING-3000, 3100, 3200, 3300 or 3400 series                                   |   |

### First-Year Course:

The Introduction to Linguistics course **LING-1001(6)** should be taken in the first year if possible. This course introduces and prepares students for 2000-level linguistics courses.

#### Upper-Level Courses:

Students in the Interdisciplinary Linguistics Program, are encouraged to take 2000, 2100, 2300 and 2400-level courses in their second year of studies and 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300 and 3400-level courses in their third year. The numbers and their order are significant in these courses. The first digit on the left represents the year of the course. This is true for all courses. If the second digit from the left is a 0, the course focuses primarily on language structure (e.g. 2001); if the second digit from the left is a 1, the course examines the use of language in the context of culture (e.g. 2101); if the second digit from the left is a 2, the course is a special studies or apprenticeship course, with a unique focus determined each year by the instructor (e.g. 3201); if the second digit from the left is a 3, the course is delivered in French; if the second digit from the left is 4, the course is delivered in German or Spanish.

Students registering in second-, and third-year-level courses may wish to consult with the course Instructor. All students registering in fourth-year/honours-level courses and/or declaring their major in Linguistics must have written approval from the Coordinator to register. Students who wish to take fourth-year/honours-level courses must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 in the Linguistics courses that they have completed. In addition, they require written permission from the Program Coordinator or their designate to register.

#### **Additional Information:**

Students must consult with the Program Coordinator in planning their curriculum and completing the required Permission forms **at each registration**. A minimum 3.0 GPA in 4000, 4100 and 4200-level courses is required; students lacking the requisite 3.0 GPA must consult the Program Coordinator regarding eligibility/permission.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR AN HONOURS BA IN INTERDISCIPLINARY LINGUISTICS**

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENT**

Entry into the program after completing a minimum of 30 credit hours.

Entry, continuing and graduation minimum GPA is 3.0 (B) in Honours Subject courses and 2.5 (C+) in Non-Honours Subject courses.

The minimum 3.0 GPA (B) will be based on all attempts (including course repeats and failures) in Honours Subject courses.

The minimum 2.5 GPA (C+) in all Non-Honours Subject courses will be calculated as for the general degree (i.e., F's are not included, and in the case of repeated courses, only the highest grade will be used).

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**                      120 credit hours

#### **RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT**

Degree:    Minimum 60 credit hours  
Honours:    Minimum 30 credit hours, including minimum 18 credit hours at the upper level (3000/4000) of which a minimum of 9 credit hours are at the 4000 level

#### **GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT**

Humanities:    12 credit hours in Humanities  
Science:    6 credit hours in Science  
Writing:    Minimum 3 credit hours of Academic Writing.  
Maximum Introductory Courses:              Students may use a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level.  
Distribution:    Minimum three (3) credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects.

#### **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

Single Honours:                                      Minimum 54 credit hours/maximum 78 credit hours in the Honours subject.  
Required Courses:                                    Minimum 42 credit hours from LIST A and 12 credit hours from LIST B including the following:  
Introduction to Linguistics LING-1001(6)  
6 credit hours from LING-2000 series  
6 credit hours from LING-2100 series  
12 credit hours from LING-3000, 3100, 3200, 3300 or 3400 series  
12 credit hours in LING-4000, 4100 or 4200 series

#### **Additional Requirements:**

Minimum 6 credit hours in the study of a second language from Aboriginal Languages (Cree, Ojibwe), Classics (Greek or Latin), Modern Languages and Literatures (French, German, Spanish, Italian), English (Old English), Religious Studies (Arabic, Biblical Hebrew), or East Asian Languages and Culture (Japanese, Mandarin).

Double Honours:                                      Minimum 36 credit hours in each Honours Subject  
Minimum 30 credit hours in courses from List A and 6 credit hours in courses from LIST B

Required Courses: Introduction to Linguistics LING-1001(6)  
6 credit hours from LING-2000 series  
6 credit hours from LING-2100 series  
9 credit hours from LING-3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400 series  
9 credit hours from LING 4000, 4100 or 4200 series

First-Year Course:

The Introduction to Linguistics course **LING-1001(6)** should be taken in the first year if possible. This course introduces and prepares students for 2000-level linguistics courses.

Upper-Level Courses:

Students in the Interdisciplinary Linguistics Program, are encouraged to take 2000, 2100, 2300 and 2400-level courses in their second year of studies and 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300 and 3400-level courses in their third year. The numbers and their order are significant in these courses. The first digit on the left represents the year of the course. This is true for all courses. If the second digit from the left is a 0, the course focuses primarily on language structure (e.g. 2001); if the second digit from the left is a 1, the course examines the use of language in the context of culture (e.g. 2101); if the second digit from the left is a 2, the course is a special studies or apprenticeship course, with a unique focus determined each year by the instructor (e.g. 2201); if the second digit from the left is a 3, the course is delivered in French; if the second digit from the left is 4, the course is delivered in German or Spanish.

Students registering in second-, and third-year-level courses may wish to consult with the course Instructor. All students registering in fourth-year/honours-level courses and/or declaring their major in Linguistics must have written approval from the Coordinator to register. Students who wish to take fourth-year/honours-level courses must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 in the Linguistics courses that they have completed. In addition, they require written permission from the Program Coordinator or their designate to register.

**Additional Information:**

Honours Students must consult with the Program Coordinator or designate in planning their curriculum and completing the required Permission forms **at each registration**. A minimum 3.0 GPA in Honours subject courses is required; students lacking the requisite 3.0 GPA must consult the Program Coordinator or designate regarding eligibility/permission to take 4000, 4100 and 4200-level courses.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY LINGUISTICS

Degree: Students completing any undergraduate degree program are eligible to complete the Minor.  
Minor: 18 credit hours in the Minor subject, with a minimum of 12 credit hours above the 1000 level.  
Residence requirement: Minimum 12 credit hours in the Minor subject.  
Required courses: At least 6 credit hours from the following courses:  
LING-2001(3) Phonetics and Phonology  
LING-2002(3) Morphology  
LING-2003(3) Syntax  
LING-2004(3) Semantics  
LING-2101(3) Language and Culture  
LING-2102(3) Method and Theory in Linguistic Anthropology  
LING-2103(3) Languages of the World  
Six further credit hours at the 2000 level and above from List A  
Restrictions: Students cannot declare the same subject as a Major and as a Minor

## GENERAL INFORMATION

In the following descriptions of Interdisciplinary Linguistics Program courses, these terms are used:

**PREREQUISITE:** A course which students must have taken before they can enter another course.

**COREQUISITE:** A course that must be taken during the same session as another course.

**CROSS-LISTED:** A cross-listed course is available as part of a major in more than one department or program.

For the following courses there are additional **prerequisites**; please check the course descriptions:

LING-2301(3) Phonetics  
LING-3002(3) Discourse Analysis  
LING-3006(3)/4006(3) Language Typology  
LING-3101(3) Institutional Discourse  
LING-3301(3) French Lexicology  
LING-3302(3) French Morphology & Syntax  
LING-4005(3) Semiotics and Structuralism  
LING-4301(3) French Lexicography  
LING-4302(3) Syntax of Modern French

