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#### **HOW TO USE THIS MAP**

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

#### **CONNECT WITH US**

#### **Cal Day**

Come to UC Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

#### **Golden Bear Orientation**

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

#### **Events**

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit **Ix.berkeley.edu** for news and updates.

#### **ADVISING**

Students can schedule appointments or email general questions to the major advisor at **LingMajorAdvisor@berkeley.edu**.

Visit **ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps** for the latest version of this major map.

## Berkeley

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# LINGUISTICS

Bachelor of Arts



#### INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Linguistics is the scientific study of language.
Linguists seek to understand the use, structure, and meaning of language by investigating languages from around the world, how languages change over time, and the relationship of language to society and cognition. Linguistics is interdisciplinary, drawing on and contributing to work in anthropology, philosophy, psychology, and computer science. Through a strong tradition of research collaboration, linguists at Berkeley conduct cutting-edge research on language, deepening and enriching our understanding of this unique human trait.



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The staff, faculty, and graduate students have been personally invested in my development as a student. There is plenty of opportunity to get involved with research.

- 2017 Linguistics Graduate

#### THE MAJOR CURRICULUM

Students in linguistics benefit from an intense, personalized academic experience through smaller classes and ample opportunities to work with faculty and graduate students on research projects.

The **four main components of the major** are: 1) The Lower Division Requirement, 2) The Prerequisite to Declare, 3) The Binned Courses Requirement, and 4) The Upper Division Electives Requirement.

The foundational course is LINGUIS 100 ("Introduction to Linguistic Science"), a general survey of linguistics. Students then take upper division courses which focus on different aspects of language.

#### **AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR**

- Join a student organization such as the Society of Linguistics Undergraduate Students (SLUgS).
- Work directly with a graduate student on research through the Linguistics Research Apprentice Practicum.
- Visit the California Language Archive, a catalog of indigenous language materials.
- Participate in the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Linguistic Institute.

# LINGUISTICS

### **DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY**



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR FOURTH YEAR	
<b>Explore</b> your major	Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.  Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.  Enroll in LINGUIS 3, LINGUIS 5, LINGUIS 24, LINGUIS 55AC, or other lower division courses in Linguistics.	Enroll in LINGUIS 100, the only prerequisite to declare the major.  After completing LINGUIS 100 declare the major by submitting your Major Declaration Petition.  Review major guidelines for study abroad and explore related programs.  Consider participating in the Linguistics Enrichment Experience Program (LEEP).	Continue taking the major's Upper Division Course Bins requirements and start approved upper division electives.  Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors.  Ask the major advisor about the Linguistics Honors Program.  Do a degree check to ensure you are or graduate.  Participate in research activities like Ling Research Apprentice Practicum (LRA  Complete any "bucket list" courses and r major, college, and campus requirements	guistics NP). remaining
Connect and build community	Get 1:1 mentoring with <b>Berkeley Connect</b> .  Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the <b>Student Learning Center</b> .  Join a student organization such as the <b>Society of Linguistics Undergraduate Students (SLUgS)</b> .	Start attending <b>Linguistics department events</b> .  Visit the <b>California Language Archive</b> , a catalog of indigenous language materials.  Join the <b>Friends of Berkeley Linguistics</b> on Facebook.  Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.	Home in on your interests through a <b>group or forum</b> like the <b>Fieldwork Forum</b> or the <b>Syntax &amp; Semantics Circle.</b> Explore resources offered by the <b>Berkeley Language Center</b> and look for upcoming lectures of interest.  Attend QP fest to hear from graduate students about their individual research projects firsthand.  Join a professional association such as the <b>Society of America (LSA)</b> or <b>America for Applied Linguistics (AAAL)</b> .  Connect with <b>alumni groups</b> such as the <b>Alumni group</b> and build your <b>network</b> at to graduate.	n Association e Linguistics
<b>Discover</b> your passions	Discover new interests in a <b>Freshman Seminar</b> such as LINGUIS 24, <b>L&amp;S 1</b> , or a student-run <b>DeCal course</b> .  Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Fair in October.  Learn about <b>research</b> taking place in the Linguistics department.	Continue with a <b>Sophomore Seminar</b> , <b>Big Ideas Course</b> or <b>Discovery Course</b> .  Work directly with a graduate student on research through the <b>Linguistics Research Apprentice Practicum (LRAP)</b> .  Assist faculty in their research through <b>URAP</b> .	Continue to work directly with a graduate student on research through the Linguistics Research Apprentice Practicum (LRAP).  Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.  Enrich your studies with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.  Teach your own DeCal course.  Undertake an optional honors thesis or is study and submit your work to the Berke Undergraduate Journal.  Keep pursuing your interests through a figap year after graduation.	reley
Engage locally and globally	Attend the <b>Calapalooza</b> student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.  Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with <b>Berkeley Study Abroad</b> .	Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.  Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.  Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.	Apply for a leadership position in your student organization.  Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.  Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.  Hone your leadership skills with the Peter Public Service Leaders program.  Interested in a public service career? App John Gardner Fellowship.  Explore service opportunities after gradu. Peace Corps or the Japan Exchange and Program.	ply for the uation, such as
Reflect and plan your future	Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library.  Develop a plan for getting career ready.  Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.  Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or Cal Job Shadow Program.	Reflect on your education so far and skills and experience you still wish to build.  Discuss career options and goals with a <b>Career Educator</b> .  Think about doing an <b>internship</b> and attend an <b>internship fair</b> .	Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.  Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors.  Attend career and graduate school fairs.  Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.  Explore career and graduate school return the Linguistics department website.  Meet employers at Employer Info Session On-Campus Recruiting.  Stay updated on career events offered by organizations like SLUgS Berkeley.	ions and

Learn about **graduate and professional school**.

See **Step-by-Step** for planning help.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

The Linguistics major provides a variety of career and graduate school possibilities. Graduates go on to work in a range of fields, including health services, speech technology, legal consulting, writing, teaching, data mining, lexicography, and translation.

#### **Jobs and Employers**

Analytical Linguist, Google Assistant Language Teacher, JET Behavioral Interventionist, Ctr. for Autism and Related Disorders Biological Research Asst., UC Berkeley Content Manager Educational Technology Editor Forensic Linguist Linguist, Sensory, Inc. Linguistic Localization Consultant Litigation Paralegal Trainee, Computerlaw Group Professional Brand Namer Research scientist Site Reliability Engineer, Google Software Engineer, Abstract Technical Writer UI/UX/Web Developer, AXA Rosenberg User Experience Strategist Video Editor, Udemy

#### **Graduate Programs**

Computer Engineering, Masters
Elementary Education, Masters
Law, JD
Linguistics, PhD
Spanish Language and Lit., Masters
Speech-Language Pathology, Masters
Urban Community Planning, Masters

Examples gathered from the **First Destination Survey** of recent

Berkeley graduates.

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Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other

opportunities.