Linguistics

This major emphasizes the study of language both as an abstract system and in its psychological and social contexts. It focuses on how the human mind structures, processes, and acquires language as well as how similar communication goals are met by diverse means in the languages of the world.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW**

**Three Core Courses**
- Introduction to Linguistics
- Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
- Introduction to Syntax and Semantics

**Select four elective courses from the list below:**
- Languages of the World
- Advanced Phonology
- Advanced Syntax
- Advanced Semantics
- Child Language Acquisition
- Psycholinguistics
- Atypical Language
- Second Language Acquisition
- Phonetics
- Word and Phrase Origins
- Field Methodology

One additional upper division course in linguistics or a related field to be chosen in consultation with the department advisor.

**EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Undergraduate Students in Linguistics:** USiL is an undergraduate student organization dedicated to the enrichment of linguistics students’ academic experience.
- **Language Development Lab:** Students have the opportunity to work with a faculty member conducting research on the ways that children learn to speak.
- **Combination Majors:** Students can choose to focus solely on Linguistics for their major, or they can combine Linguistics with East Asian Languages & Cultures, Philosophy, or Psychology as well as double majors with computer science or a language department in order to tailor their studies to their specific professional goals.

For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or [http://dornsife.usc.edu/ling/usc-linguistics-department-undergraduate/](http://dornsife.usc.edu/ling/usc-linguistics-department-undergraduate/)