

Linguistics

College of Liberal Arts

Linguistics Program (<https://www.uaf.edu/linguist/>)
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Department Overview

Linguistics is the study of language and covers a variety of subjects, from theories of grammar and how we produce language to applications of linguistic knowledge in areas such as language teaching, anthropology, sociology and more.

B.A., Linguistics

The undergraduate degree program provides an overview of the discipline and raises students' awareness of the many aspects of that uniquely human phenomenon, language.

Minimum Requirements for Linguistics Bachelor's Degree: 120 credits

Learn more about the bachelor's degree in linguistics (<https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/bachelors/linguistics.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Accelerated B.A., Linguistics/M.A., Applied Linguistics

The accelerated M.A. in applied linguistics provides students with a thorough background in second-language acquisition, language teaching and assessment. Graduates from the program are well prepared to teach in language classrooms, both at home and abroad, or enter the Ph.D. program of their choice.

Minimum Requirements for Linguistics Accelerated B.A./M.A. Degrees: 138 credits

Learn more about the bachelor's degree in linguistics (<https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/bachelors/linguistics.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Learn more about the master's degree in applied linguistics (<https://www.uaf.edu/academics/programs/masters/applied-linguistics.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

M.A., Applied Linguistics

Graduate students in applied linguistics may pursue a concentration in either language in society or second language acquisition and teacher education. Students are expected either to have or to develop proficiency in at least one language other than English, as demonstrated by a proficiency exam or a comparable measure determined by the student's graduate committee. Students pursuing certification in Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education must demonstrate proficiency in the language they intend to teach.

Language in Society is designed for students interested in the role language plays in community and social organization. It is designed to provide theoretical and practical foundations in sociolinguistics, language and

power, discourse analysis, language policy and planning, and community language revitalization.

Second language acquisition and teacher education is designed for students interested in teaching English as a second language, a foreign or Alaska Native language. It is designed to provide theoretical and practical foundations in second language acquisition, language teaching, materials development, and language assessment. Students may earn a post-certification endorsement in second language acquisition, bilingual education and literacy (SLABEL).

SLABEL is an innovative master's degree program that combines coursework in literacy with second language acquisition. Candidates will receive an interdisciplinary education that will have immediate application for K-12 language arts, English, bilingual, ELL and content-area teachers, working in increasingly complex bilingual, multilingual and multi-modal classroom environments. Candidates simultaneously earn a master's degree and a K-12 statewide endorsement based on TESOL standards, Alaska Teacher Standards and Alaska Cultural Standards. Comprehensive exams and teacher-action research are required.

Minimum Requirements for Applied Linguistics Master's Degree: 30 credits

Learn more about the master's degree in applied linguistics (<https://www.uaf.edu/academics/programs/masters/applied-linguistics.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Minor, Speech-Language Pathology

The minor in Speech-Language Pathology is offered in collaboration with the University of Alaska Anchorage program in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). Students interested in becoming Speech-Language Pathology Assistants must complete the minor as well as 100 clinical hours in Speech-Language Pathology. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Certification Exam is highly recommended.

Minimum Requirements for Speech-Language Pathology Minor: 21 credits

Programs

Degrees

- B.A., Linguistics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/linguistics-ba/>)
- B.A., Linguistics/ M.A., Applied Linguistics Accelerated Program (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/accelerated-programs/applied-linguistics-ba-ma/>)
- M.A., Applied Linguistics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/linguistics-applied/>)

Minors

- Minor, Linguistics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/linguistics/>)
- Minor, Speech-Language Pathology (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/speech-language-pathology/>)
- Minor, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/tesol/>)