

# LINGUISTICS PROGRAM

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Linguistics Program (<http://www.wcupa.edu/linguistics/>)  
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Although West Chester presently offers no graduate degree in linguistics, students interested in developing a concentration in this area may select courses from those listed on the Courses tab or from additional related courses offered by the departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/health-sciences/communication-sciences-disorders/>), Communication and Media (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/arts-humanities/communication-media/>), English (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/arts-humanities/english/>), Languages and Cultures (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/arts-humanities/languages-cultures/>), and Philosophy (<https://catalog.wcupa.edu/graduate/arts-humanities/philosophy/>). For additional information, consult the program director.

## Courses

### LIN

#### **LIN 501. Introduction to Linguistics. 3 Credits.**

Analysis and characterization of what humans know when they know a language, including knowledge of the sound, word formation, sentence structure, meaning, and pragmatic systems. Development of tools and skills for describing and analyzing language. Application of linguistic principles to such cross-disciplinary studies of language as sociolinguistics, language classification, and language acquisition.

Distance education offering may be available.

#### **LIN 540. Sociolinguistics. 3 Credits.**

The study of language in its social context: the ethnography of communication; language and society, social classes, ethnic groups, politics, sex, and education.

LIN 540 Prerequisite: Successful completion of LIN 501 with minimum grade of C-.

Distance education offering may be available.

#### **LIN 590. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.**

Contact department for more information about this course.