Linguistics Program

Although West Chester presently offers no graduate degree in linguistics, students interested in developing a concentration in this area may elect courses from the following list or from additional related courses offered by the departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Communication and Media, English, Languages and Cultures, and Philosophy. For additional information, consult the program director.

Policies

All graduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures outlined in the graduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department programs may be listed below.

Courses

Linguistics

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.
Typically offered in Fall.

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.
Pre / Co requisites: LIN 540 requires prerequisite of LIN 501.
Distance education offering may be available.
Typically offered in Fall.

LAN 583. Second Language Acquisition. 3 Credits.
Introduction to key issues in SLA research and theory. Analysis of SLA studies in connection to second language teaching. Design of original mini-study of second language learning.
Typically offered in Spring.

LAN 590. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
Contact department for more information about this course.