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, Communication and Media, English, Languages and Cultures, and 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.
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.

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