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.
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.