LINGUISTICS, MAJOR (0022)

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0022

Previous Code: M1119.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

Language is fundamental to the human experience. Through study of how language works, students make contact with fundamental philosophical, socio-cultural, and psychological questions about what it means to be human. Linguistics prepares students with a foundation for many careers including primary and secondary teaching, policy analysis, communication, and social services in culturally diverse communities. Linguistics students also gain the analytical tools of empirical science including the ability to break complex problems into components with tractable solutions and to evaluate theories on the basis of empirical facts. These skills prepare students for success in post-graduate studies and careers in research, analytics, business and law.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Bankstown City Campus	Internal	EnquiriesHCA@westernsy

Major Structure Current

This structure applies to students who commenced in 2025 or later. If you commenced prior to 2025 please refer to the 'Structure 2024 and prior' tab for details.

Students must complete 80 credit points as follows.

Complete the following compulsory subjects.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 1014	Introduction to Linguistics	10
LANG 1028	The Sound of Language	10
LANG 2041	Structure of Language	10
LANG 2034	Meaning in Language	10
Total Credit Points		**40**

Students must also complete four subjects from the following pools.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Select four of the following:		20
Level 2 Subject Pool		
LANG 2037	Pragmatics	
Level 3 Subject Pool		
LANG 3030	Discourse Analysis	
LANG 3034	Historical Linguistics	
LANG 3045	Intercultural Communication	
BEHV 3019	Psychology of Language	
LANG 3031	Discovering Language: Everything you've ever wanted to know but never asked	
LANG 3073	Sociolinguistics	
LANG 3016	Bilingualism and Biculturalism	

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 3071	Second Language Acquisition	
Total Credit Points		**20**

Major Structure 2024 and prior

If you commenced in 2025 or later please refer to the Structure Current tab for details.

Students must complete 80 credit points as follows.

Complete the following compulsory subjects.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 3016	Bilingualism and Biculturalism	10
LANG 1014	Introduction to Linguistics	10
LANG 3071	Second Language Acquisition	10
LANG 2041	Structure of Language	10
LANG 1028	The Sound of Language	10
LANG 2034	Meaning in Language	10
Total Credit Points		**60**

Students must also complete two subjects from the following pools.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Select two of the following:		20
Level 2 Subject Pool		
LANG 2037	Pragmatics	
Level 3 Subject Pool		
LANG 3030	Discourse Analysis	
LANG 3034	Historical Linguistics	
LANG 3045	Intercultural Communication	
BEHV 3019	Psychology of Language	
LANG 3031	Discovering Language: Everything you've ever wanted to know but never asked	
LANG 3073	Sociolinguistics	
Total Credit Points		**20**

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts (1706) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-arts/)

Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars) (1655) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-arts-deans-scholars/)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12) (1708) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-birth-5-birth-12/)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (1651) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) Dean's Scholars (1822) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary-deans-scholars/)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) (1652) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-secondary/)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business (1818) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-business/)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1842) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-creative-industries/)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (2537) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-laws/)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/)

Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/Bachelor of Arts (3654) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-information-communications-technology-bachelor-arts/)

Bachelor of Languages and Linguistics (1810) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-languages-linguistics/)

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts (3763) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-science-bachelor-arts/)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (6019) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (6005) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts/)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth-5/Birth-12) (6017) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-birth-5-birth-12/)