

World Languages and Cultures Department Minors

Requirements for the Minor

Minors are offered in Chinese, French, German Studies, Italian Studies, Japanese, Linguistics, and Spanish. The minor consists of five course units, of which at least three must be taken at The College of New Jersey. A minimum grade of C is required in all courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements. The following courses are required:

- **CHINESE:** CHI 152, CHI 251, and CHI 252
 - 152=103 and 201; 251= 202 and 301; 252=302
- **FRENCH:** FRE 211 and FRE 301 or FRE 302, plus two content courses at the 200-level: FRE 240, FRE 241, FRE 255, FRE 270, and one content course at the 300-level: FRE 305, FRE 322, FRE 370.
- **GERMAN STUDIES:** GER 103, GER 201 or GER 203, plus three of the following courses: GER 255, GER 270, HIS 323, HIS 324, HIS 325, and other courses with German-focused content upon approval of the advisor for the German Studies Minor. At least two courses must be taken at the 300 level.
- **ITALIAN STUDIES:** three courses at the 200-level from the following list: ITL 203, ITL 211, ITL 216, ITL 217, ITL 240, ITL 255, ITL 270, plus two courses at the 300-level from the following list: ITL 312 (in Italian), ITL 327 (in English), ITL 350 (in English), ITL 351 (in English), ITL 367 (in Italian), ITL 370 (in Italian), ITL 371 (in English), and other courses upon approval of the advisor for the Italian Studies Minor
- **JAPANESE:** JPN 152, JPN 202, 301 and 302
 - 152=103 and 201; 251= 202 and 301; 252=302
- **SPANISH:** Three courses at the 200 level and two courses at the 300 level.
- Students should meet with the chair in order to select the appropriate, prerequisite 200 level courses for the courses which they are interested in taking at the 300 level.

PLEASE NOTE: In the case of courses taught in English, a quarter unit (one credit) Languages Across the Curriculum may be added if the student possesses the appropriate language proficiency. Interested students will be directed to the LAC website at <https://internationalstudies.tcnj.edu/student-resources/languages/>.

Linguistics Minor

Coordinators: Morin, Steele

The minor in Linguistics is offered by the department of World Languages and Cultures and provides students with the opportunity to study language systems structurally and functionally. Linguistics, as a discipline or nexus of disciplines, allows for multiple methodologies and approaches to investigate linguistic change, variation, and structure. As an inherently interdisciplinary field, linguistics offers students an opportunity to synthesize multiplex theories across both departmental and school boundaries. Through their systematic study of language, students will find their curricula immeasurably enriched and their professional opportunities expanded.

The curriculum reflects the debt of linguistics to the field known historically as philology, the investigation of older languages as recorded in texts, as well as the impact of post-Generative linguistic theory. As a result, the minor allows students to self-select concentrations. Students may choose to pursue electives that enrich their understanding of historical linguistics or that expand their understanding of language acquisition and psycholinguistics. Irrespective of their own concentration on a particular sub-discipline, all students will gain a grounding in contemporary linguistic theory that has direct applications in the fields of education, literature, computer science, and psychology.

Courses in Linguistic Theory will provide a foundation whereby students will understand the structure of human languages, focusing on developing tools for the description and application of phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics. They will become proficient in the IPA. They will be introduced to the physical apparatus required for language production (the vocal tract, the auditory and visual systems). Students will be exposed to dialectal variation, learning to respect and understand diversity in language use, patterns, and dialects across cultures, ethnic groups, geographic regions, and social roles. Students will become familiar with the purviews of first and second language acquisition.

Courses in the Linguistic History category provide an opportunity for students to apply their theoretical knowledge (especially in the fields of phonology, morphology, syntax, and lexis) to diachronic linguistics. Students will become familiar with the impact of cultural, economic, political, and social environments on language. Students will begin to read, analyze, and report on linguistics scholarship.

Courses in the Options category will provide a further opportunity for students to practice skills developed in the other two groups. Students will also use a number of different modes of inquiry, including, but not limited to, informant interviews and linguistic corpora analysis. Students will also learn how to engage non-native speakers (or speakers of non-standard varieties) in productive dialogue about their language use. Independent study courses on appropriate linguistic topics may be counted toward elective credit in the Linguistics minor.

Students interested in a minor in Linguistics should consult with one of the program's coordinators as early as possible to plan their program of study.

No more than one course taken toward the student's major may be counted in the Linguistics Minor.

Requirements for the Linguistics Minor

- 1) Students must meet or exceed the foreign language requirement for Liberal Learning.
- 2) 5 Courses:
 - 1 Linguistic Theory
 - 1 Linguistic History

3 Options (at least two must be at the 300 level or above)

Linguistic Theory: One course chosen from the following:

LNG 201/Introduction to the English Language/ WLC 215/Introduction to Linguistics
SPA 350/Introduction to Spanish Linguistics
ANT213 Language and Culture: An Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology

Linguistic History: One course from the following:

SPA 372/History of the Spanish Language
LNG 202/Structure and History of the English Language
WLC 321/Introduction to Historical Linguistics
WLC 220/Introduction to Romance Linguistics

Options: Three courses (may take courses from the first two categories as well).

ANT 390/Research Course in Anthropology (when the topic is related to discourse analysis)
JPN 370/Topics in Japanese (when the title is Introduction to Japanese Linguistics)
LNG 391, SPA 391, or other appropriate Independent Study
LNG 311/Contemporary English Grammar
LNG 371/American English Dialects
LNG 372/World Englishes
PHL 421/Philosophy of Language
SPA 215/Spanish Phonetics
SPA 301/Advanced Spanish Grammar
SPA 373/Introduction to Hispanic Bilingualism in the United States
SPA 351 Spanish/English Translation I
WLC271/WGS271/ANT270 Gender and Language
WLC 390/Second Language Acquisition and Related Methodologies
WLC 371/Topics in Linguistics in English