

LINGUISTICS COURSES – Summer 2024

Ling 101: Human Language

Online asynchronous lecture, with online synchronous discussion section TR 11:00-11:50
8-week session 6/17-8/11

Humanities Breadth

Do you love language? In this class we explore the scientific approach to investigating how language works, which is called **linguistics**. The course provides an introduction to the core sub-fields of linguistics: phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax. Additional topics include sign language, language endangerment and discrimination, and first language acquisition. We will learn about the fascinating diversity of human languages across the globe, and also about the intriguing commonalities that all languages share. Students will get hands-on experience analyzing linguistic data from many languages. The course is appropriate for both majors and non-majors and is open to anyone with an interest in language science.

No prerequisites – open to students with any background

Ling 213: Topics in Sociolinguistics - Language, Power, and Policy **NEW Topic!**

Online asynchronous
6-week session 5/20-6/30

Humanities or Social Science Breadth

This course explores different approaches to language policy from around the world at national and local levels of government, the ideologies that shape these policies, and the impact they have on the linguistic practices of communities and on linguistic diversity. The core issues we will explore include:

- Who makes decisions on language planning on national and international levels?
- How can language management be a tool for empowerment or oppression?
- How do different authorities handle issues of linguistic diversity in an increasingly globalized context?
- How do covert and overt language policies impact the viability of linguistic communities?

We will explore these topics through a wide range of case studies from different linguistic and political contexts around the globe, and students will have an opportunity to work on topics that match their personal interests.

No prerequisites – open to students with any background

Ling 351: American Sign Language 1

In person

6-week session 5/20-6/30

MTWR 9:00-11:30

An introduction to elementary skills in production and comprehension of American Sign Language (ASL), with a communicative focus. Basics of ASL vocabulary, structure, and grammar, and the North American manual alphabet. Develop basic conversational abilities, culturally appropriate behaviors, and learn about the culture and history of Deaf communities.

No prerequisites – open to students with any background

Ling 352: American Sign Language 2

In person

6-week session 7/1-8/11

MTWR 3:00-5:30

Develop comprehension and production abilities in American Sign Language (ASL). Recognition and demonstration of more sophisticated grammatical features of ASL, focusing on increasing fluency and accuracy. Develop cultural awareness of the Deaf communities of the world.

Requisite: Ling 351 (Contact Nina Akli akli@wisc.edu for permission to enroll if taking Ling 351 and 352 in the same summer.)

Ling 373: Topics in Linguistics – Coding for Linguistics **NEW Topic!**

Online asynchronous

8-week session 6/17-8/11

Humanities Breadth, Intermediate Level

Elementary introduction to the use of coding in Python for applications within the field of linguistics. No prior experience with coding is necessary.

Students will learn to:

- Write and understand basic functions in Python
- Use various basic data types in Python, such as numbers, booleans, strings, lists, tuples, and dictionaries
- Use control flow to create basic functions
- Understand and use regular expressions to search data
- Apply knowledge to create Python code specific to a linguistic subfield of interest (phonology, morphology, syntax, etc)

Requisite: Ling 101 (or contact the instructor for permission if you have some other background in linguistics)