Linguistics is the scientific study of language. Within the BA program, students may choose to complete a program of study leading to state certification in TESOL, or focus their electives on preparing a path towards Master’s work in Speech Pathology, Computational Linguistics or general Linguistics. A significant number participate in research during their undergraduate years.

Our TESOL program is unusual in providing future teachers with the intellectual rigor and tools of the academic discipline of linguistics. Its graduates are in demand as highly effective teachers across the country, and globally.

PROGRAMS

- BA in Linguistics
- BA in Linguistics with initial certifications in TESOL
- Minor in Linguistics

A SAMPLING OF OUR COURSES

- English Grammar
- Language in the USA
- Language and Technology
- Language Acquisition
- Structure of an Uncommonly Taught Language
Jordyn Christophides ’23
BA Linguistics

“I chose linguistics because of my deep fascination with languages, how they evolve, and the second language acquisition process. The Department of Linguistics puts great emphasis on fostering engagement with understudied languages, and as a result, I have gained a comprehensive knowledge of so many languages that I hadn’t even heard of four years ago.

SKILLS YOU’LL ACQUIRE

• Critical and analytical thinking skills
• Command of syntax and grammar
• Presentation, public speaking and teamwork skills
• Technical and analytical writing skills
• Close reading and analysis skills
• Interpretive research skills
• Efficient time management
• Ability to examine change in languages
• Understanding of how people acquire and learn languages

CAREERS TO EXPLORE

You’ll gain the knowledge and skills to work in many different professions, including:

• Speech-language Therapy
• Computer Technology
• Education
• Law

Graduates become teachers of English or other languages, or work in computer fields, particularly speech processing and dialogue systems, or in business or journalism. Others pursue advanced education in linguistics, law, speech pathology, philosophy, psychology, or computer science.