

Linguistics Curriculum Change Student Information

Starting in Fall quarter of 2026 the requirements for all majors and minors in Linguistics at UC San Diego are changing. Students who enter UCSD in Fall 2026 or later will be required to follow the new requirements. Students who graduate in Summer 2026 or earlier will be required to follow the old requirements. Continuing students who were already enrolled at UCSD prior to Fall 2026 but are not graduating until after Summer 2026 may choose to complete their major or minor under either the new set of requirements or the old set of requirements. These options are laid out for each of the majors and minors below

Majors

[Linguistics - General](#)

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[Linguistics - Cognition and Language](#)

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Minors

[Linguistics - General](#)

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[Linguistics - Language Studies](#)

Linguistics Major - General

New Requirements (apply to all students entering UCSD in Fall 2026 or later, optionally apply to continuing students)

Linguistic Analysis and Breadth Courses

Seven linguistic analysis and breadth courses:

2 introductory courses in linguistic analysis:

- LIGN 102: Linguistic Analysis: Phonetics, phonology, and morphology

- LIGN 103: Linguistic Analysis: Syntax, semantics, and pragmatics

1 introductory course in phonetics, phonology, or morphology from the following list:

- LIGN 110: Phonetics
- LIGN 111: Phonology I
- LIGN 120: Morphology

1 introductory course in syntax, semantics, or pragmatics from the following list:

- LIGN 121: Syntax I
- LIGN 130: Semantics
- LIGN 160: Pragmatics

1 course each from 3 of the 4 following areas (no course may count more than once):

Computational Linguistics

- LIGN 117: The Language Code
- LIGN 165: Computational Linguistics
- LIGN 167: Deep Learning for Natural Language Understanding
- LIGN 168: Computational Speech Processing
- LIGN 169: Information Theory in Linguistics

Crosslinguistic Variation

- LIGN 108: Languages of Africa
- LIGN 139: Field Methods
- LIGN 141: Language Structures
- LIGN 142: Language Typology
- LIGN 143: The Structure of Spanish
- LIGN 148: The Psycholinguistics of Gesture and Sign Languages
- LIGN 152: Indigenous Languages of the Americas
- LIGN 177: Multilingualism

Language and Cognition

- LIGN 119: First and Second Language Learning: From Childhood through Adolescence
- LIGN 148: The Psycholinguistics of Gesture and Sign Languages
- LIGN 154: Language and Consciousness
- LIGN 155: Evolution of Language
- LIGN 170: Psycholinguistics: Experimental Approaches to Language and Cognition
- LIGN 171: Child Language Acquisition

- LIGN 179: Second Language Acquisition Research
- LIGN 180: Language Representation in the Brain
- LIGN 181: Language Processing in the Brain

Language and Society

- LIGN 105: Law & Language
- LIGN 146: Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities
- LIGN 174: Gender and Language in Society
- LIGN 175: Sociolinguistics
- LIGN 176: Language of Politics and Advertising
- LIGN 177: Multilingualism
- LIGN 178: Spanish Sociolinguistics

Electives

Four linguistics electives

- any four [upper-division LIGN courses](#) that have not been used to satisfy the Linguistic Analysis and Breadth requirements.

One additional linguistics elective or upper-division course in another department pertaining to the study of language

Courses currently approved to satisfy this requirement include:

- electives for the [cognition and language major](#) (except PSYC 105)
- electives for the [language and society major](#) (**Note:** some of these courses may have prerequisites)
- an upper-division heritage language (LIHL) course offered in the [Heritage Language Program](#)).

Old Requirements (apply to all students graduating from UCSD in Summer 2026 or earlier, optionally apply to continuing students)

NOTE: This option for completing the degree requires completion of LIGN 101: Introduction to the Study of Language. LIGN 101 is being retired in Summer 2026 and will no longer be offered. If you have not completed the LIGN 101 requirement prior to Fall 2026, you should choose the new degree requirements. If you think your particular situation warrants using the old degree requirements despite not having completed the

LIGN 101 requirement, you must consult with the Linguistics Department's Undergraduate Advisors (linginfo-g@ucsd.edu).

Linguistics Core Courses

Six core linguistics courses:

- LIGN 101: Introduction to the Study of Language (not offered past Summer 2026)
- LIGN 110: Phonetics
- LIGN 111: Phonology
- LIGN 120: Morphology
- LIGN 121: Syntax
- LIGN 130: Semantics

Electives

Five linguistics electives:

- any five [upper-division LIGN courses](#).

One additional linguistics elective or upper-division course in another department pertaining to the study of language

Courses currently approved to satisfy this requirement include:

- electives for the [cognition and language major](#) (except PSYC 105)
- electives for the [language and society major](#) (**Note:** some of these courses may have prerequisites)
- an upper-division heritage language (LIHL) course offered in the [Heritage Language Program](#)).

Linguistics Major - Speech and Language Sciences

New Requirements (apply to all students entering UCSD in Fall 2026 or later, optionally apply to continuing students)

Statistics

One lower division statistics course to be chosen from:

- COGS 14B: Introduction to Statistical Analysis
- CSS 2: Data and Model Programming for Computational Social Science
- HDS 60: Statistical Analysis
- PSYC 60: Introduction to Statistics

Linguistic Analysis and Breadth Courses

Six linguistic analysis and breadth courses:

2 introductory courses in linguistic analysis:

- LIGN 102: Linguistic Analysis: Phonetics, phonology, and morphology
- LIGN 103: Linguistic Analysis: Syntax, semantics, and pragmatics

1 introductory course in phonetics:

- LIGN 110: Phonetics

1 introductory course in syntax, semantics, or pragmatics from the following list:

- LIGN 121: Syntax I
- LIGN 130: Semantics
- LIGN 160: Pragmatics

1 course each from 2 of the 3 following areas (no course may count more than once):

Computational Linguistics

- LIGN 117: The Language Code
- LIGN 165: Computational Linguistics
- LIGN 167: Deep Learning for Natural Language Understanding
- LIGN 168: Computational Speech Processing
- LIGN 169: Information Theory in Linguistics

Crosslinguistic Variation

- LIGN 108: Languages of Africa
- LIGN 139: Field Methods
- LIGN 141: Language Structures
- LIGN 142: Language Typology
- LIGN 143: The Structure of Spanish
- LIGN 148: The Psycholinguistics of Gesture and Sign Languages
- LIGN 152: Indigenous Languages of the Americas
- LIGN 177: Multilingualism

Language and Society

- LIGN 105: Law & Language
- LIGN 146: Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities
- LIGN 174: Gender and Language in Society
- LIGN 175: Sociolinguistics
- LIGN 176: Language of Politics and Advertising
- LIGN 177: Multilingualism
- LIGN 178: Spanish Sociolinguistics

Speech, Language and Hearing Disorders

One course in speech, language and hearing disorders*

- LIGN 112: Speech Sounds and Speech Disorders
- LIGN 113: Hearing Science and Hearing Disorders

** Students interested in SLP are highly encouraged to take **both** courses. In that case, one will count as an elective.*

Language and Development Disorders

One course in language development and disorders to be chosen from:

- LIGN 119: First and Second Language Learning: From Childhood through Adolescence
- LIGN 171: Child Language Acquisition
- LIGN 179: Second Language Acquisition Research

Neurobiology of Language

One course in neurobiology of language to be chosen from:

- LIGN 170: Psycholinguistics

- LIGN 180: Language Representation in the Brain
- LIGN 181: Language Processing in the Brain
- COGS 107A: Neuroanatomy and Physiology
- PSYC 108: Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 169: Brain Damage and Mental Function

Speech and Language Science Electives

Three speech and language sciences elective courses to be chosen from (courses that were used to satisfy one of the above requirements cannot be used again):

- COGS 107A: Neuroanatomy and Physiology
- COGS 107C: Cognitive Neuroscience
- COGS 154: Communication Disorders in Children and Adults
- COGS 179: Electrophysiology of Cognition
- COMM 168: Bilingual Communication
- COMM 169: Deaf Culture in the U.S.
- EDS 125: History, Politics, and Theory of Bilingual Education
- ETHN 185: Discourse, Power, and Inequality
- LIGN 111: Phonology I
- LIGN 112: Speech Sounds and Speech Disorders
- LIGN 113: Hearing Science and Hearing Disorders
- LIGN 119: First and Second Language Learning: From Childhood through Adolescence
- LIGN 120: Morphology
- LIGN 121: Syntax I
- LIGN 130: Semantics
- LIGN 141: Language Structures
- LIGN 143: The Structure of Spanish
- LIGN 146: Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities
- LIGN 148: Psycholinguistics of Sign Language
- LIGN 160: Pragmatics
- LIGN 170: Psycholinguistics
- LIGN 171: Child Language Acquisition
- LIGN 175: Sociolinguistics
- LIGN 177: Multilingualism
- LIGN 178: Spanish Sociolinguistics

- LIGN 179: Second Language Acquisition Research
- LIGN 180: Language Representation in the Brain
- LIGN 181: Language Processing in the Brain
- MUS 175: Musical Psychoacoustics
- PSYC 105: Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 108: Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 138: Sound and Music Perception
- SOC 117/EDS 117: Language, Culture, and Education

Exceptions:

- COGS 107C and PSYC 108 may not both be taken for credit toward the major.
- 4 combined units of LIGN 188R, LIGN 195, and LIGN 199 may be counted as an elective. To have it counted, please contact a linguistics advisor through the Virtual Advising Center (VAC).

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NOTE: This option for completing the degree requires completion of LIGN 101: Introduction to the Study of Language. LIGN 101 is being retired in Summer 2026 and will no longer be offered. If you have not completed the LIGN 101 requirement prior to Fall 2026, you should choose the new degree requirements. If you think your particular situation warrants using the old degree requirements despite not having completed the LIGN 101 requirement, you must consult with the Linguistics Department's Undergraduate Advisors (linginfo-g@ucsd.edu).

Statistics

One lower division statistics course to be chosen from:

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- CSS 2: Data and Model Programming for Computational Social Science
- HDS 60: Statistical Analysis
- PSYC 60: Introduction to Statistics

Linguistics Core Courses

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- LIGN 111: Phonology
- LIGN 120: Morphology
- LIGN 121: Syntax
- LIGN 130: Semantics

Speech, Language and Hearing Disorders

One course in speech, language and hearing disorders*

- LIGN 112: Speech Sounds and Speech Disorders
- LIGN 113: Hearing Science and Hearing Disorders

** Students interested in SLP are highly encouraged to take **both** courses. In that case, one will count as an elective.*

Language and Development Disorders

One course in language development and disorders to be chosen from:

- LIGN 119: First and Second Language Learning: From Childhood through Adolescence
- LIGN 171: Child Language Acquisition
- LIGN 179: Second Language Acquisition Research

Neurobiology of Language

One course in neurobiology of language to be chosen from:

- LIGN 170: Psycholinguistics
- LIGN 180: Language Representation in the Brain
- LIGN 181: Language Processing in the Brain
- COGS 107A: Neuroanatomy and Physiology
- PSYC 108: Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 169: Brain Damage and Mental Function

Speech and Language Science Electives

Three speech and language sciences elective courses to be chosen from (courses that were used to satisfy one of the above requirements cannot be used again):

- COGS 107A: Neuroanatomy and Physiology
- COGS 107C: Cognitive Neuroscience
- COGS 154: Communication Disorders in Children and Adults
- COGS 179: Electrophysiology of Cognition
- COMM 168: Bilingual Communication
- COMM 169: Deaf Culture in the U.S.
- EDS 125: History, Politics, and Theory of Bilingual Education
- ETHN 185: Discourse, Power, and Inequality
- LIGN 112: Speech Sounds and Speech Disorders
- LIGN 113: Hearing Science and Hearing Disorders
- LIGN 119: First and Second Language Learning: From Childhood through Adolescence
- LIGN 141: Language Structures
- LIGN 143: The Structure of Spanish
- LIGN 146: Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities
- LIGN 148: Psycholinguistics of Sign Language
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- MUS 175: Musical Psychoacoustics
- PSYC 105: Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 108: Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 128: Psychology of Reading
- PSYC 138: Sound and Music Perception
- SOC 117/EDS 117: Language, Culture, and Education

Exceptions:

- COGS 107C and PSYC 108 may not both be taken for credit toward the major.
- 4 combined units of LIGN 188R, LIGN 195, and LIGN 199 may be counted as an elective. To have it counted, please contact a linguistics advisor through the Virtual Advising Center (VAC).

Linguistics Major - Cognition and Language

New Requirements (apply to all students entering UCSD in Fall 2026 or later, optionally apply to continuing students)

Linguistic Analysis and Breadth Courses

Six linguistic analysis and breadth courses:

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1 introductory course in syntax, semantics, or pragmatics from the following list:

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- LIGN 160: Pragmatics

1 course each from 2 of the 3 following areas (no course may count more than once):

Computational Linguistics

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- LIGN 165: Computational Linguistics
- LIGN 167: Deep Learning for Natural Language Understanding
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- LIGN 169: Information Theory in Linguistics

Crosslinguistic Variation

- LIGN 108: Languages of Africa
- LIGN 139: Field Methods
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- LIGN 148: The Psycholinguistics of Gesture and Sign Languages
- LIGN 152: Indigenous Languages of the Americas
- LIGN 177: Multilingualism

Language and Society

- LIGN 105: Law & Language
- LIGN 146: Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities
- LIGN 174: Gender and Language in Society
- LIGN 175: Sociolinguistics
- LIGN 176: Language of Politics and Advertising
- LIGN 177: Multilingualism
- LIGN 178: Spanish Sociolinguistics

Electives

Four linguistics electives that have not been used to satisfy the Linguistic Analysis and Breadth requirements chosen from:

- LIGN 112: Speech Sounds and Speech Disorders
- LIGN 113: Hearing Sciences and Hearing Disorders
- LIGN 119: First and Second Language Learning: From Childhood Through Adolescence
- LIGN 148: Psycholinguistics of Sign Languages
- LIGN 155: Evolution of Language
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Two additional courses from Linguistics or from the approved list from other departments:

Please check to see if there are prerequisites for these classes.

Anthropology

- ANBI 140: The Evolution of the Human Brain
- ANBI 159: Biological and Cultural Perspectives on Intelligence
- ANBI 173: Cognition in Animals and Humans

Cognitive Science

- COGS 101C: Language
- COGS 102A: Distributed Cognition
- COGS 102B: Cognitive Ethnography
- COGS 107C: Cognitive Neuroscience
- COGS 151: Analogy and Conceptual Systems
- COGS 153: Language Comprehension
- COGS 154: Communication Disorders in Children and Adults
- COGS 156: Language Development
- COGS 158: Bilingual Minds and Brains
- COGS 170: Natural and Artificial Symbolic Representational Systems
- COGS 184: Modeling the Evolution of Cognition

Philosophy

- PHIL 120: Symbolic Logic I
- PHIL 122: Advanced Topics in Logic
- PHIL 123: Philosophy of Logic
- PHIL 134: Philosophy of Language
- PHIL 136: Philosophy of Mind
- PHIL 150: Philosophy of the Cognitive Sciences

Psychology

- PSYC 102: Sensory Neuroscience
- PSYC 105: Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 145: Psychology of Language

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- PHIL 136: Philosophy of Mind
- PHIL 150: Philosophy of the Cognitive Sciences

Psychology

- PSYC 102: Sensory Neuroscience
- PSYC 105: Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 145: Psychology of Language

Linguistics Major - Language and Society

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- LIGN 120: Morphology

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1 course each from 2 of the 3 following areas (no course may count more than once):

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Language and Cognition

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- LIGN 171: Child Language Acquisition
- LIGN 179: Second Language Acquisition Research
- LIGN 180: Language Representation in the Brain
- LIGN 181: Language Processing in the Brain

Electives

One course in sociolinguistics chosen from:

- LIGN 146: Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities
- LIGN 174: Gender and Language in Society
- LIGN 175: Sociolinguistics
- LIGN 177: Multilingualism
- LIGN 178: Spanish Sociolinguistics

Three additional linguistics electives

Can be any upper-division Linguistics course. Recommended courses:

- LIGN 146: Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities
- LIGN 174: Gender and Language in Society
- LIGN 175: Sociolinguistics
- LIGN 176: Language of Politics and Advertising
- LIGN 177: Multilingualism
- LIGN 178: Spanish Sociolinguistics

Two courses from other departments, chosen from the approved list:

Please check to see if there are prerequisites for these classes.

Anthropology

- ANSC 113: Language, Style, and Youth Identities
- ANSC 118: Language and Culture
- ANSC 122: Language in Society
- ANSC 131: Language, Law, and Social Justice
- ANSC 141: Language and Political Action
- ANSC 162: Language, Identity, and Community
- ANSC 191: Stories and Selves
- ANSC 194: Language, Migration, Borders

Communication

- COMM 100B: Communication, Culture, and Representation
- COMM 110P: Language, Literacy, and Communication: Language and Human Communication
- COMM 110T: Language, Literacy, and Communication: Language, Thought, and Media
- COMM 110X: Language, Literacy, and Communication: Texting and Talking
- COMM 112G: Interaction and Mediation: Language and Globalization
- COMM 168: Bilingual Communication
- COMM 169: Deaf Culture in the U.S.

Education Studies

- EDS 117/SOCI 117: Language, Culture, and Education
- EDS 125: History, Politics, and Theory of Bilingual Education

Ethnic Studies

- ETHN 140: Language and American Ethnicity
- ETHN 141: Language, Culture, and Inequality
- ETHN 144: Bilingual Communities in the USA

Sociology

- SOCI 118E: Sociology of Language
- SOCI 120T: Special Topics in Culture, Language, and Social Interaction

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Linguistics Core Courses

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- ANSC 162: Language, Identity, and Community
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Linguistics Major - Language Studies

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Linguistics Course Requirements

Six upper-division linguistics courses:

2 introductory courses in linguistic analysis:

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1 “structure of” language of concentration course (e.g., LIGN 143, Structure of Spanish)

If no such course is available, the student must consult with the undergraduate advisor regarding a possible substitution.

1 additional upper-division LIGN course

View a [complete list of Linguistics courses](#). Suggested courses include:

- LIGN 145: Pidgins and Creoles
- LIGN 150: Historical Linguistics

Literature and Area Studies Course Requirements

Two upper-division courses in the literature of the language of concentration
(LIGN 144 and LIGN 146 should be taken if your language of concentration is ASL)

(LIGN 178 may be used if your language of concentration is Spanish and it was not used to satisfy the “structure of language” requirement)

(Approved Portuguese literature courses available at SDSU: PORT 535. Portuguese Literature and PORT 540. Luso-Brazilian Literature)

Four upper-division linguistics, literature or area studies courses

Literature and area studies courses must deal with the language of concentration or the corresponding culture/area studies, subject to approval of the faculty advisor.

Approved courses for the **area studies** requirement include the following. Note: some of these courses may have prerequisites:

Arabic

- ANSC 133: Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East
- ECON 165: Middle East Economics
- HINE 114: History of the Islamic Middle East
- HINE 118: The Middle East in the Twentieth Century
- HINE 119: Contemporary Middle East Conflicts
- POLI 121B: Politics in Israel

American Sign Language (ASL)

See linguistics undergraduate advisor for options.

Chinese

- ANSC 136: Traditional Chinese Society
- ANSC 137: Chinese Popular Religion
- HIEA 122: Late Imperial Chinese Culture and Society
- HIEA 125: Women and Gender in East Asia
- HIEA 126: The Silk Road in Chinese and Japanese History
- HIEA 129: Faces of the Chinese Past
- HIEA 130: End of the Chinese Empire, 1800–1911
- HIEA 131: China in War and Revolution: 1911–1949
- HIEA 132: Mao’s China, 1949–1976
- HIEA 133: Twentieth-Century China: Cultural History
- HIEA 134: History of Thought and Religion in China: Confucianism
- HIEA 137: Women and Family in Chinese History

- HIEA 138: Women and the Chinese Revolution
- HIEA 163/263: Cinema and Society in Twentieth-Century China
- HIEA 164/264: Seminar in Late Imperial Chinese History
- HIEA 166/266: Creating Ming Histories
- HIEA 168/268: Topics in Classical and Medieval Chinese History
- HIEA 171/271: Society and Culture in Premodern China
- POLI 113A: East Asian Thought in Comparative Perspective
- POLI 113B: Chinese and Japanese Political Thought I
- POLI 130B: Politics in the People's Republic of China
- POLI 131C: The Chinese Revolution
- POLI 133D: Political Institutions of East Asian Countries
- SOCI 188G: Chinese Society
- VIS 127B: Arts of China
- VIS 127C: Arts of Modern China
- VIS 127D: Early Chinese Painting
- VIS 127E: Later Chinese Painting
- VIS 127GS: Issues in Modern and Contemporary Chinese Art
- VIS 127N: Twentieth-Century Art in China and Japan

French

- HIEU 129: Paris, Past and Present
- HIEU 130: Europe in the Eighteenth Century
- HIEU 131: The French Revolution: 1789–1814
- HIEU 142: European Intellectual History, 1780–1870
- POLI 120C: Politics in France
- TDHT 105: French Comedy

German

- HIEU 130: Europe in the Eighteenth Century
- HIEU 132: German Politics and Culture: 1648–1848
- HIEU 142: European Intellectual History, 1780–1870
- HIEU 143: European Intellectual History, 1870–1945
- HIEU 145: The Holocaust as Public History
- HIEU 154: Modern German History: From Bismarck to Hitler
- HIEU 155: Modern Austria
- HIEU 158: Why Hitler? How Auschwitz?
- HIEU 172/272: Comparative European Fascism
- HIEU 174/274: The Holocaust: A Psychological Approach
- HIEU 177: Special Topics in Modern German Thought

- PHIL 106: Kant
- PHIL 107: Hegel
- POLI 120B: The German Political System
- POLI 120D: Germany: Before, During, and After Division
- SOCI 178: The Holocaust

Hebrew

- ANRG 150/ANAR 142: The Rise and Fall of Ancient Israel
- HIEU 159: Three Centuries of Zionism, 1648–1948
- HIEU 176/276: Politics in the Jewish Past
- HINE 162/262: Anthropology and the Hebrew Bible
- HINE 170: Special Topics in Jewish History
- HINE 186: Special Topics in Middle Eastern History
- POLI 121: Government and Politics of the Middle East
- POLI 121B: Politics in Israel
- SOCI 188F: Modern Jewish Societies and Israeli Society

Italian

- HIEU 120: The Renaissance in Italy
- HIEU 172/272: Comparative European Fascism
- POLI 120I: Politics in Italy
- TDHT 104: Italian Comedy
- VIS 122AN: Renaissance Art
- VIS 122CN: Leonardo da Vinci in Context
- VIS 122D: Michelangelo
- VIS 122F: Leonardo's La Gioconda

Japanese

- HIEA 111: Japan: Twelfth to Mid-Nineteenth Centuries
- HIEA 112: Japan: From the Mid-Nineteenth Century through the US Occupation
- HIEA 113: The Fifteen-Year War in Asia and the Pacific
- HIEA 114: Postwar Japan
- HIEA 115: Social and Cultural History of Twentieth-Century Japan
- HIEA 116: Japan-U.S. Relations
- HIEA 117: Ghosts in Japan
- HIEA 125: Women and Gender in East Asia
- HIEA 126: The Silk Road in Chinese and Japanese History
- JAPN 135A: Japanese for professional purposes.
- JAPN 137A: Business Japanese.

- POLI 113A: East Asian Thought in Comparative Perspective
- POLI 113B: Chinese and Japanese Political Thought I
- POLI 133A: Japanese Politics: A Developmental Perspective
- POLI 133D: Political Institutions of East Asian Countries
- VIS 127F: Japanese Buddhist Art
- VIS 127N: Twentieth-Century Art in China and Japan
- VIS 127P: Arts of Japan
- VIS 127Q: Japanese Painting and Prints

Russian

- HIEU 134: The Formation of the Russian Empire, 800–1855
- HIEU 178: Soviet History
- POLI 126AB: Politics and Economics in Eastern Europe
- POLI 130AA: The Soviet Successor States
- POLI 130AD: The Politics of the Russian Revolution

Spanish

- ANAR 156: The Archaeology of South America
- ANSC 104: The US-Mexico Border
- ANSC 131: Urban Cultures in Latin America
- ANSC 135: Indigenous Peoples of Latin America
- ANSC 142: Anthropology of Latin America
- COMM 104G: Comparative Media Systems: Latin America and the Caribbean
- COMM 140: Cinema in Latin America
- COMM 142: Cuban Cinema
- COMM 155: Latino Space, Place, and Culture
- ECON 162: Economics of Mexico
- ETHN 116: The United States–Mexico Border in Comparative Perspective
- ETHN 129/USP 135: Asian and Latina Immigrant Workers in the Global Economy
- ETHN 132: Chicano Dramatic Literature
- ETHN 133: Hispanic American Dramatic Literature
- ETHN 135A: Early Latino/a-Chicano/a Cultural Production: 1848–1960
- ETHN 135B: Contemporary Latino/a-Chicano/a Cultural Production: 1960 to Present
- ETHN 136: Topics in Chicano/a-Latino/a Cultures
- ETHN 138: Chicano/a and Latino/a Poetry
- ETHN 145: Spanish Language in the United States
- ETHN 148: Latino/a and Chicano/a Literature
- ETHN 180: Topics in Mexican American History

- HIEU 151: Spain since 1808
- HILA 100: Conquest and Empire of the Americas
- HILA 101: Nation-State Formation, Ethnicity, and Violence in Latin America
- HILA 102: Latin America in the Twentieth Century
- HILA 103: Revolution in Modern Latin America
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- HILA 114: Dictatorship in Latin America
- HILA 121A: History of Brazil through 1889
- HILA 121B: History of Brazil, 1889 to Present
- HILA 122: Cuba: From Colony to Socialist Republic
- HILA 123: The Incas and Their Ancestors
- HILA 124A: History of Women and Gender in Latin America
- HILA 126: From Columbus to Castro: Caribbean Culture and Society
- HILA 131: A History of Mexico
- HILA 132: Modern Mexico: From Revolution to Drug War Violence
- HILA 134: Indians of Colonial Latin America
- HILA 161: History of Women in Latin America
- HILA 162: Special Topics in Latin American History
- HILA 163/263: The History of Chile, 1880–Present
- HILA 164/264: Women’s Work and Family Life in Latin America
- HILA 167/267: Scholarship on Latin American History in the Colonial Period
- HILA 168/268: Scholarship on Latin American History in the Nineteenth Century
- HILA 169/269: Scholarship on Latin American History in the Twentieth Century
- LATI 120: Special Topics in Latin American Studies
- TDHT 110: Chicax Theatre
- TDHT 111: Hispanic American Dramatic Literature
- POLI 134AA: Comparative Politics of Latin America
- POLI 134B: Politics in Mexico
- POLI 134D: Selected Topics in Latin American Politics
- POLI 134I: Politics in the Southern Cone of Latin America
- POLI 146A: The U.S. and Latin America: Political and Economic Relations
- SOCI 182: Ethnicity and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America
- SOCI 188D: Latin America: Society and Politics
- VIS 126P: Latin American Art: Modern to Postmodern, 1890–1950
- VIS 126Q: Latin American Art: Modern to Postmodern, 1950–Present

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Linguistics Core Courses

Six core linguistics courses:

1 introductory course:

- LIGN 101: Introduction to the Study of Language (not offered past Summer 2026)

3 courses chosen from:

- LIGN 110: Phonetics
- LIGN 111: Phonology I
- LIGN 120: Morphology
- LIGN 121: Syntax I
- LIGN 130: Semantics
- LIGN 145: Pidgins and Creoles
- LIGN 150: Historical Linguistics

1 "structure of" language of concentration course (e.g., LIGN 143, Structure of Spanish)

If no such course is available, the student must consult with the undergraduate advisor regarding a possible substitution.

1 additional upper-division LIGN course

View a [complete list of Linguistics courses](#).

Literature and Area Studies Course Requirements

Two upper-division courses in the literature of the language of concentration (LIGN 144 and LIGN 146 should be taken if your language of concentration is ASL)

(LIGN 178 may be used if your language of concentration is Spanish and it was not used to satisfy the “structure of language” requirement)

(Approved Portuguese literature courses available at SDSU: PORT 535. Portuguese Literature and PORT 540. Luso-Brazilian Literature)

Four upper-division linguistics, literature or area studies courses

Literature and area studies courses must deal with the language of concentration or the corresponding culture/area studies, subject to approval of the faculty advisor.

Approved courses for the **area studies** requirement include the following. Note: some of these courses may have prerequisites:

Arabic

- ANSC 133: Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East
- ECON 165: Middle East Economics
- HINE 114: History of the Islamic Middle East
- HINE 118: The Middle East in the Twentieth Century
- HINE 119: Contemporary Middle East Conflicts
- POLI 121B: Politics in Israel

American Sign Language (ASL)

See linguistics undergraduate advisor for options.

Chinese

- ANSC 136: Traditional Chinese Society
- ANSC 137: Chinese Popular Religion
- HIEA 122: Late Imperial Chinese Culture and Society
- HIEA 125: Women and Gender in East Asia
- HIEA 126: The Silk Road in Chinese and Japanese History
- HIEA 129: Faces of the Chinese Past
- HIEA 130: End of the Chinese Empire, 1800–1911
- HIEA 131: China in War and Revolution: 1911–1949
- HIEA 132: Mao’s China, 1949–1976
- HIEA 133: Twentieth-Century China: Cultural History

- HIEA 134: History of Thought and Religion in China: Confucianism
- HIEA 137: Women and Family in Chinese History
- HIEA 138: Women and the Chinese Revolution
- HIEA 163/263: Cinema and Society in Twentieth-Century China
- HIEA 164/264: Seminar in Late Imperial Chinese History
- HIEA 166/266: Creating Ming Histories
- HIEA 168/268: Topics in Classical and Medieval Chinese History
- HIEA 171/271: Society and Culture in Premodern China
- POLI 113A: East Asian Thought in Comparative Perspective
- POLI 113B: Chinese and Japanese Political Thought I
- POLI 130B: Politics in the People's Republic of China
- POLI 131C: The Chinese Revolution
- POLI 133D: Political Institutions of East Asian Countries
- SOCI 188G: Chinese Society
- VIS 127B: Arts of China
- VIS 127C: Arts of Modern China
- VIS 127D: Early Chinese Painting
- VIS 127E: Later Chinese Painting
- VIS 127GS: Issues in Modern and Contemporary Chinese Art
- VIS 127N: Twentieth-Century Art in China and Japan

French

- HIEU 129: Paris, Past and Present
- HIEU 130: Europe in the Eighteenth Century
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- POLI 120C: Politics in France
- TDHT 105: French Comedy

German

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- HIEU 132: German Politics and Culture: 1648–1848
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- ETHN 136: Topics in Chicano/a-Latino/a Cultures
- ETHN 138: Chicano/a and Latino/a Poetry
- ETHN 145: Spanish Language in the United States

- ETHN 148: Latino/a and Chicano/a Literature
- ETHN 180: Topics in Mexican American History
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- VIS 126Q: Latin American Art: Modern to Postmodern, 1950–Present

Linguistics Minor - General

New Requirements (apply to all students entering UCSD in Fall 2026 or later, optionally apply to continuing students)

Required Courses

- LIGN 102: Linguistic Analysis: Phonetics, phonology, and morphology
- LIGN 103: Linguistic Analysis: Syntax, semantics, and pragmatics

Electives

- 5 other linguistics courses, 2 of which may be lower-division

Old Requirements (apply to all students graduating from UCSD in Summer 2026 or earlier, optionally apply to continuing students)

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Required Course

- LIGN 101: Introduction to the Study of Language (not offered past Summer 2026)

Electives

- 6 other linguistics courses, 2 of which may be lower-division

Linguistics Minor - Speech and Language Sciences

New Requirements (apply to all students entering UCSD in Fall 2026 or later, optionally apply to continuing students)

Statistics

One lower division statistics course to be chosen from:

- COGS 14B: Introduction to Statistical Analysis
- CSS 2: Data and Model Programming for Computational Social Science
- HDS 60: Statistical Analysis
- PSYC 60: Introduction to Statistics

Linguistic Analysis

Three courses in linguistic analysis:

- LIGN 102: Linguistic Analysis: Phonetics, phonology, and morphology
- LIGN 103: Linguistic Analysis: Syntax, semantics, and pragmatics
- LIGN 110: Phonetics

Speech, Language and Hearing Disorders

One course in speech, language and hearing disorders*

- LIGN 112: Speech Sounds and Speech Disorders
- LIGN 113: Hearing Science and Hearing Disorders

** Students interested in SLP are highly encouraged to take **both** courses. In that case, one will count as an elective.*

Language and Development Disorders

One course in language development and disorders to be chosen from:

- LIGN 119: First and Second Language Learning: From Childhood through Adolescence
- LIGN 171: Child Language Acquisition
- LIGN 179: Second Language Acquisition Research

Neurobiology of Language

One course in neurobiology of language to be chosen from:

- LIGN 170: Psycholinguistics
- LIGN 180: Language Representation in the Brain
- LIGN 181: Language Processing in the Brain
- COGS 107A: Neuroanatomy and Physiology
- PSYC 108: Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 169: Brain Damage and Mental Function

Speech and Language Science Elective

One speech and language sciences elective course to be chosen from (courses that were used to satisfy one of the above requirements cannot be used again):

- COGS 107A: Neuroanatomy and Physiology
- COGS 107C: Cognitive Neuroscience
- COGS 154: Communication Disorders in Children and Adults
- COGS 179: Electrophysiology of Cognition
- COMM 168: Bilingual Communication
- COMM 169: Deaf Culture in the U.S.
- EDS 125: History, Politics, and Theory of Bilingual Education
- ETHN 185: Discourse, Power, and Inequality
- LIGN 111: Phonology I
- LIGN 112: Speech Sounds and Speech Disorders
- LIGN 113: Hearing Science and Hearing Disorders
- LIGN 119: First and Second Language Learning: From Childhood through Adolescence
- LIGN 120: Morphology
- LIGN 121: Syntax I
- LIGN 130: Semantics
- LIGN 141: Language Structures
- LIGN 143: The Structure of Spanish
- LIGN 146: Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities
- LIGN 148: Psycholinguistics of Sign Language
- LIGN 160: Pragmatics
- LIGN 170: Psycholinguistics
- LIGN 171: Child Language Acquisition
- LIGN 175: Sociolinguistics

- LIGN 177: Multilingualism
- LIGN 178: Spanish Sociolinguistics
- LIGN 179: Second Language Acquisition Research
- LIGN 180: Language Representation in the Brain
- LIGN 181: Language Processing in the Brain
- MUS 175: Musical Psychoacoustics
- PSYC 105: Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 108: Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 138: Sound and Music Perception
- SOC 117/EDS 117: Language, Culture, and Education

Exceptions:

- COGS 107C and PSYC 108 may not both be taken for credit toward the major.
- 4 combined units of LIGN 188R, LIGN 195, and LIGN 199 may be counted as an elective. To have it counted, please contact a linguistics advisor through the Virtual Advising Center (VAC).

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Statistics

One lower division statistics course to be chosen from:

- COGS 14B: Introduction to Statistical Analysis
- CSS 2: Data and Model Programming for Computational Social Science
- HDS 60: Statistical Analysis
- PSYC 60: Introduction to Statistics

Linguistic Core

Three required linguistics courses:

- LIGN 101: Introduction to the Study of Language (not offered past Summer 2026)
- LIGN 110: Phonetics
- LIGN 111: Phonology I

Speech, Language and Hearing Disorders

One course in speech, language and hearing disorders*

- LIGN 112: Speech Sounds and Speech Disorders
- LIGN 113: Hearing Science and Hearing Disorders

** Students interested in SLP are highly encouraged to take **both** courses. In that case, one will count as an elective.*

Language and Development Disorders

One course in language development and disorders to be chosen from:

- LIGN 119: First and Second Language Learning: From Childhood through Adolescence
- LIGN 171: Child Language Acquisition
- LIGN 179: Second Language Acquisition Research

Neurobiology of Language

One course in neurobiology of language to be chosen from:

- LIGN 170: Psycholinguistics
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- LIGN 181: Language Processing in the Brain
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One speech and language sciences elective course to be chosen from (courses that were used to satisfy one of the above requirements cannot be used again):

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- EDS 125: History, Politics, and Theory of Bilingual Education
- ETHN 185: Discourse, Power, and Inequality
- LIGN 4: Language as a Cognitive System
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- LIGN 112: Speech Sounds and Speech Disorders
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- MUS 175: Musical Psychoacoustics
- PSYC 105: Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 108: Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSYC 138: Sound and Music Perception

- SOC 117/EDS 117: Language, Culture, and Education

Exceptions:

- COGS 107C and PSYC 108 may not both be taken for credit toward the major.
- 4 combined units of LIGN 188R, LIGN 195, and LIGN 199 may be counted as an elective. To have it counted, please contact a linguistics advisor through the Virtual Advising Center (VAC).

Linguistics Minor - Language Studies

New Requirements (apply to all students entering UCSD in Fall 2026 or later, optionally apply to continuing students)

Lower Division Language Courses

Two lower-division prerequisites for upper-division courses in the literature of the language of concentration

Linguistic Analysis

Two introductory courses in linguistic analysis:

- LIGN 102: Linguistic Analysis: Phonetics, phonology, and morphology
- LIGN 103: Linguistic Analysis: Syntax, semantics, and pragmatics

Language Structure

One structure of language X course chosen from:

- LIGN 141: Language Structures (languages selected vary)
- LIGN 143: The Structure of Spanish
- LIGN 148: Psycholinguistics of Sign Languages (if your language of concentration is ASL)
- LIGN 178: Spanish Sociolinguistics

Literature

One upper-division literature course in the language of concentration

(note: this will require language proficiency as well as lower-division prerequisites. At most two lower-division courses in the language of concentration may count towards the minor. American Sign Language students should take LIGN 144 or LIGN 146. Spanish students may use LIGN 178 to satisfy this requirement if they do not use it to satisfy their “structure of language X” requirement. Portuguese Language students may be able to take UD Lit. at SDSU. See Language Studies major page for more details.)

Linguistics, Literature, or Area Studies Elective

One additional course in linguistics, literature or area studies

Literature and area studies courses must deal with the language of concentration or the corresponding culture/area studies, subject to approval of the faculty advisor. Please see the list of approved upper-division classes for the [Language Studies major](#).

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Lower Division Language Courses

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Introduction to Linguistics

One introductory course:

- LIGN 101: Introduction to the Study of Language (not offered past Summer 2026)

Language Structure

One structure of language X course chosen from:

- LIGN 141: Language Structures (languages selected vary)
- LIGN 143: The Structure of Spanish
- LIGN 148: Psycholinguistics of Sign Languages (if your language of concentration is ASL)
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One upper-division literature course in the language of concentration

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