The Department of Linguistics admits students for the Ph.D. degree in linguistics, and awards a master of arts degree to students in a UW–Madison Ph.D. program upon the completion of the M.A. requirements. Students admitted to the linguistics Ph.D. program must attend the department orientation and must consult with the chair in person by the beginning of classes. All students proposing to minor in linguistics must also consult with the chair, who is the minor advisor, prior to beginning the minor.

The department focuses on research in formal theories of language (encompassing cross-linguistic studies in syntax, phonology, and morphology) and American Indian languages. Other specializations, including historical-comparative linguistics or articulatory and experimental phonetics, may be created by means of interdepartmental study. Students consult with their graduate advisors in establishing their areas of specialization and in working out a coherent program. Applied linguistic studies such as the theory and practice of language teaching or the history and structure of a particular language or language family are handled in other departments, or may be assembled as a program of individual study.

The department maintains a phonetics laboratory for teaching and research in experimental and acoustic phonetics, and also maintains a specialized library collection in the Graduate Reading Room, 1151 Van Hise Hall.

The linguistics graduate student handbook is available online on the program’s website (http://vanhise.lss.wisc.edu/ling/?q=node/15).

**DEGREES/MAJORS, DOCTORAL MINORS, GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES**

- Linguistics, Doctoral Minor (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/linguistics/linguistics-doctoral-minor)
- Linguistics, M.A. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/linguistics/linguistics-ma)
- Linguistics, Ph.D. (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/linguistics/linguistics-phd)

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