

LINGUISTICS

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Language is a medium for nearly all human activity. As such, it plays a salient role across many disciplines of study across the humanities, arts, history, the social sciences, and education, among others. The field of linguistics is concerned with the nature of human language, including its structure, acquisition and use, and how it changes over short (years) and long (centuries or more) periods of time. This dual-title degree at the MA level is designed to enrich students' major field of study through required courses in the scientific study of language and through integration of that training into the student's work in the major field (e.g. in the thesis or culminating experience). The specifications made here for the minor refer to a minor at the doctoral level only, and they are designed to cover the foundations of the discipline of linguistics by reviewing fundamental core areas such as phonology and syntax. Course work is also available in many additional areas of linguistics such as semantics, morphology, language variation, historical linguistics, and discourse analysis.