University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

B.A. in Linguistics

Students graduating with a B.A. in Linguistics should be able to:

Analytical, Communication, Research Skills

- Analyze empirical language data scientifically.
- Construct and test a hypothesis about linguistic structure.

Content

- Define the core levels of analysis in linguistics (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and discourse).
- Articulate the functional origins of structural linguistic patterns.
- Explain the ways in which different human languages embody linguistic mechanisms.

Professional Growth

- Identify career opportunities using linguistics in education, translation, information technology, publishing and media, law, international relations, speech pathology, and other professions.
- Describe and appreciate the importance of language in a variety of areas of human life.

In addition, students graduating with an emphasis in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Slavic, or Spanish should be able to:

- Produce and understand the language of their emphasis in speech and writing.
- Describe grammatical features of the language of their emphasis.