

# LINGUISTICS

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM INFORMATION



LINGUISTICS IS AN INTERDISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC PROGRAM THAT SURVEYS A BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS ON HUMAN LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION, FOR EXAMPLE:

- HOW DIALECTS WORK
- THE RELATIONSHIP OF LANGUAGE AND THE BRAIN
- WRITING SYSTEMS AROUND THE WORLD
- HUMAN AND COMPUTER LANGUAGES
- THE LATEST RESEARCH ON ANIMAL COMMUNICATION
- THE PROCESS OF FIRST AND SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
- THE EVOLUTION OF DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND LANGUAGE FAMILIES
- THE SOUND SYSTEMS OF LANGUAGES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

### LINGUISTICS AT CENTRE

Linguistics is the science of language: the study of perhaps the most central and unique human ability. Students can minor (but not major) in linguistics at Centre College. A linguistics minor will allow students to integrate their study of English and foreign languages within an overarching awareness of the scientific principles of language use, the acquisition of language, the physical mechanisms of human languages (both spoken and signed), language changes over time, socialization through languages, and the political and cultural implications of language differences.

A perspective on world language use informed by the study of linguistics is a powerful element of an educated person's knowledge base as a global citizen. Students working within

a linguistics minor will also be encouraged to apply their new knowledge to other fields of study, informing their investigations in anthropology, biology, cognitive science, computer science, education, languages, literature, philosophy, psychology, and sociology. Linguistics will also help prepare students for careers in a wide variety of fields, including international business and public affairs, computer science, counseling, psychology, speech therapy and speech pathology, marketing, journalism, translation, and teaching English as a foreign language, as well as qualifying them for the study of linguistics at the graduate level.

### COURSE OFFERINGS FOR THE LINGUISTICS MINOR

All linguistics minors take the survey course, **Introduction to Linguistics**. They also take four more courses from a range of offerings, such as **Cognition** (PSY), **History of the English Language** (ENG), **Hispanic Linguistics** (SPA), **Indo-European Linguistics and Poetics** (CLA), **Language Diversity in the U.S.** (SOC), **Political Communication** (POL), **Principles of Programming Languages** (CSC), and **Symbolic Logic** (PHI), and they study two foreign languages, completing a capstone project in their senior year.

### FACULTY

**JASON DOROGA** (Ph.D., Hispano-Romance Philology/Linguistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison), Assistant Professor of Spanish

**JAMES V. MORRISON** (Ph.D., University of Michigan), Stodghill Professor of Classics

**MARK RASMUSSEN** (Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University), Luellen Professor of English

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LINGUISTICS PROGRAM AT CENTRE, CONTACT:

Jason Doroga, Program Chair  
600 West Walnut Street  
Danville, Kentucky 40422  
859.238.6103  
[jason.doroga@centre.edu](mailto:jason.doroga@centre.edu)

### TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH A CENTRE STUDENT MINORING IN LINGUISTICS, CONTACT:

Jasmine Bell  
[jasmine.bell@centre.edu](mailto:jasmine.bell@centre.edu)

### LINGUISTICS WEB PAGE

[www.centre.edu/academics/majors-minors/linguistics](http://www.centre.edu/academics/majors-minors/linguistics)