

Language, Culture, and Society

IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

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Faculty assigned to teach courses in the language, culture, and society major are drawn from departments within the College of Arts and Letters.

Offered by the Department of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages

Major in language, culture, and society with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

The Major

The major in language, culture, and society offers an exploration of the relationship between language, social factors and culture, multilingualism, language variation, and theories about how language is shaped by, and in turn shapes, our understandings about the world, social relations, identities, and power. This major offers a coherent interdisciplinary curriculum with coursework that will provide theories and analytical frameworks to explore language use and variation across cultures and social contexts. Students receive foundational knowledge of the two disciplines, linguistics and anthropology, and will be immersed in sustained inquiry of social, cultural and linguistic systems, with a focus on the interdependence of these systems. The major enables students to perform analyses of language use to investigate the nature of language and power, language use and identity construction, language and world-view, gendered speech, discourse styles and social roles and relations, and cultural traditions and language arts. The major also involves consideration of issues of bilingualism and multilingualism, and related issues of language ideology and policy.

Graduates gain expertise to address complex social problems in a globalized, pluralistic twenty-first century world and qualify for employment in applied careers in nonprofit associations, federal, state, local government and international agencies, community centers, refugee organizations, cultural institutes, and tech companies. Graduates can pursue graduate work in anthropology, law, linguistics, or a variety of interdisciplinary areas in the social sciences, especially those related to language and its use.

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Impacted Program

The language, culture, and society major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the language, culture, and society major, students must meet the following criteria:

- a. Complete preparation for the major;
- b. Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
- c. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs website was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Language, Culture, and Society Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

(Major Code: 22024) (SIMS Code: 114731)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in linguistics courses can apply to the degree.

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Linguistics 101 and Anthropology 102. (6 units)

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirements. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 10, or Linguistics 305W, or Rhetoric or Writing Studies 305W or 500W with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 33 units to include Language, Culture, and Society 300; Anthropology 303, 410; three units selected from Linguistics 420, 501, Anthropology 304; nine units selected from Language, Culture, and Society 483, Linguistics 502, 526, 551; three units selected from Linguistics 363 [or Africana Studies 363] or Linguistics 460 [or American Indian Studies 460 or Anthropology 460]; six units selected from Linguistics 350, 352, 354, Sociology 410, 412; and three units of a course focusing on a specific culture, from any department.

Courses (LCS)

Refer to *Courses and Curricula and University Policies* sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

(Intended for Undergraduates)

LCS 300. Language, Culture, and Society (3)

Prerequisites: Linguistics 101 and Anthropology 102.

Language, culture, and society study using anthropology and linguistics. Bilingualism, dialect variation, language endangerment and preservation, language ideology and policy, sexism and racism.

LCS 483. Topics in Language, Culture, and Society (3)

Prerequisites: Language, Culture, and Society 300, Anthropology 102, Linguistics 101.

Topics in language, culture, and society such as language and culture in technology, cross-linguistic lexical semantics and culture, conversational analysis and cultural variation, cross-cultural variation in gendered speech, globalization and English. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Maximum credit six units.