Discover the wonder of human language and how it develops by studying linguistics at UND.

Language is at the heart of what it means to be human. Studying linguistics gives you crucial insights into how words are formed, how people learn languages and how languages are alike and different.

Program Snapshot

- Program type: Minor
- Format: On-campus
- Est. time to complete: 2 years
- Credit hours: 20

Why Study Linguistics at UND?

Linguistics is the scientific study of language — the study of how languages are built, how people use them and how they differ from one another.

The minor in Linguistics at UND gives you valuable insights into the structure and meaning of language across human societies. It provides a strong foundation for graduate study in linguistics or related fields, and prepares you to make informed decisions about language-related issues in daily life.

The minor includes coursework in:
- Phonetics
- Phonology
- Morphology/syntax
- Other subfields, including interdisciplinary and applied

The minor in Linguistics is offered jointly by the English department and the Summer Institute of Linguistics at UND.

Linguistics Minor Overview

- Enjoy small, discussion-based classes
- Work closely with faculty who have wide-ranging international experience
- Travel abroad to practice your language skills

Linguistics Careers

18% Anticipated job growth for interpreters and translators*

75K Median annual salary for postsecondary teachers**


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Linguists travel the world to study languages in a variety of cultures — doing everything from research unusual grammar systems to advocating on behalf of the users of a language to promoting literacy.

A minor in Linguistics from UND also provides great preparation for careers beyond linguistics, including:

- Translation
- Literacy
- Teaching at the high school or college level
- Bilingual/bicultural education
- Interpreting
- Linguistic community development
- Language surveying