



EMPOWER YOURSELF

## Degrees Offered

- Master of Arts (MA), applied linguistics
- Bachelor of Arts (BA)

## Why Choose Linguistics?

A linguistics degree may be for you if you have strong problem solving, analytical and critical thinking skills, an interest in languages, are fluent in multiple languages, or are a good communicator. Our BA in linguistics provides an overview of the different aspects of language study and is designed to provide a window into one of the most fundamental and uniquely human characteristics — language.

## Career/Professional Opportunities

Linguistics graduates often go on to graduate school. With advanced degrees, linguists may specialize in a wide number of fields, including theoretical linguistics, teaching English as a second language, speech pathology, computational linguistics, interpreting/translating and consulting. There are also many entry-level opportunities for people with BA degrees in various government agencies and businesses. Linguists are valued for their critical thinking, problem solving and research skills.

## About Us

We are a small program, with faculty in several departments and schools, including English, Foreign Languages, Anthropology, Alaska Native Languages and the School of Education.

## UAF Linguistics Program

Approximately 20 majors (students) and nine faculty and staff members.

Undergraduate research opportunities.

Opportunities for fieldwork with Native languages.

Small class sizes.

Internship and study abroad opportunities.

## Program Highlights

- *Study two languages, choose from: French, German, Greek, Latin, Russian, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Yup'ik, Inupiaq, Gwich'in, Koyukon*

## Sample Classes

- *Nature of Language*
- *Language and Gender*
- *Second Language Acquisition*
- *Historical Linguistics*
- *Semantics*
- *Language Policy and Planning*
- *Phonetics and Phonology*
- *Field Methods in Descriptive Linguistics*

## WHAT IS LINGUISTICS?

Linguistics is the study of language and covers a variety of subjects from theories of grammar and how we produce language to applications of linguistic knowledge in areas such as language teaching. Linguists study different aspects of human language, including the unconscious knowledge we have about language, how language is acquired and how it is structured, how languages differ but also how they are similar, how we use language to interact within or between social groups and more. The study of linguistics offers you excellent skills in critical problem-solving, an understanding of cross-cultural communication strategies and a window into one of the most fundamental human characteristics: language.

## WHAT OUR GRADUATES ARE DOING

- Attending graduate school in a speech pathology program
- Teaching English in Japan in the Japanese Exchange and Teaching program
- Teaching Siberian Yup'ik
- Coordinating a language revitalization program for Athabascan languages
- Working for a state legislator
- Teaching Spanish
- Teaching English in the Peace Corps
- Attending graduate school in linguistics
- Coordinating Native language teacher training programs
- Directing tribal language programs

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review the admission requirements at [www.uaf.edu/admissions/](http://www.uaf.edu/admissions/).
2. Click the "apply now" link for directions on the application process or proceed directly to the online application for admission through UAOnline at <http://uaonline.alaska.edu>.
3. Once on UAOnline select "Apply for Admission or Check on Status of Application" and follow the directions on the screen.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

See the catalog at [www.uaf.edu/catalog/](http://www.uaf.edu/catalog/) for complete degree information. Students need to consult with an academic advisor prior to course selection. Contact the Linguistics Program for academic advising.

- Complete the general university baccalaureate degree requirements
- Complete the baccalaureate core curriculum
- Complete the bachelor of arts course requirements
- Complete the linguistics major course requirements
- Complete minor course requirements

All BA degrees require a minor. Refer to the catalog for minor degree requirements.