

UP DEPARTMENT  
OF  
LINGUISTICS

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN

# Linguistics

PROSPECTUS | Academic Year 2026-2027



# about the department of Linguistics

The UP Department of Linguistics is part of the University of the Philippines Diliman College of Social Sciences and Philosophy. It was established on August 28, 1922, with Trinidad H. Pardo de Tavera as its first chairperson. He was immediately succeeded by Otto Johns Scheerer, who also founded *The Archive*, the official publication of the Department. The primary aim of the Department since its founding has been the scientific study, preservation, and promotion of Philippine languages & dialects through teaching, research, and publication.

As a CHED Center of Excellence in Foreign Languages, it is also dedicated to improving the teaching of national languages in Asia according to the needs of the Filipino people.

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The University of the Philippines Diliman is currently the only university in the Philippines that offers an undergraduate degree in linguistics.

The **BA in Linguistics program** provides students with training in **contemporary linguistic theories** and **methodologies for linguistic analysis**, which will enable them to **study languages scientifically** for research, translation work, teaching, and other various purposes.

The undergraduate program in linguistics also encourages students to explore **interdisciplinary connections** between linguistics and other fields, particularly in the social sciences, humanities, and education.

Students can choose from among **three plans of study** where, along with developing their specialization in linguistics, they can also specialize in an East Asian language, a foreign Southeast Asian language, or select cognate courses in a related discipline.

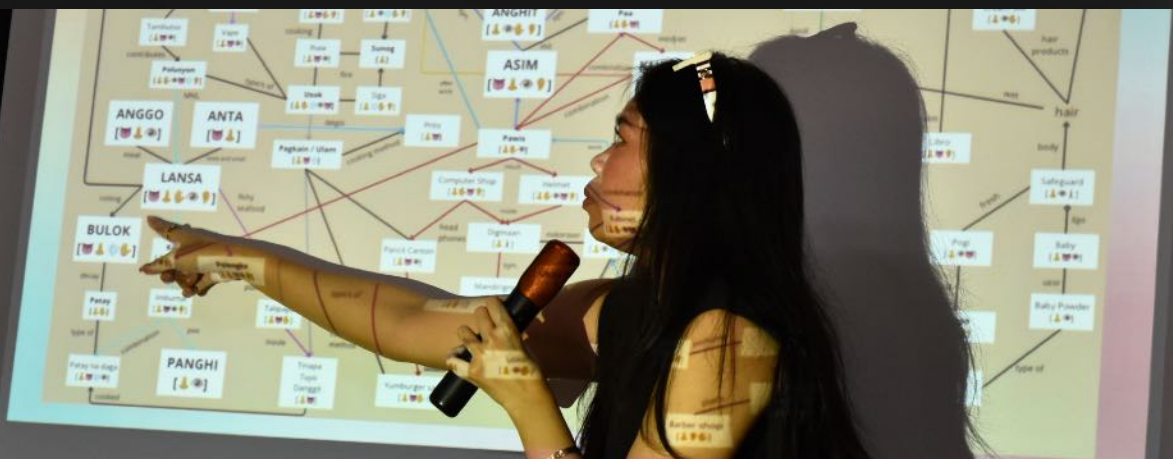
# Is linguistics all about learning foreign languages?

## NO.

Linguistics is the scientific study of languages. It explores the **nature of language** by analyzing its inner workings and by studying how we use it in our everyday lives. **Not all linguists are polyglots**, but by learning **skills and knowledge in linguistic analysis**, you will be able to develop tools that might help you become one.

The linguistics program (Lingg) at the University of the Philippines Diliman was designed based on the mandates of the Department to continue developing as a **primary center for the study and archiving of the languages and dialects in the Philippines** and to **contribute to general and theoretical linguistics** by studying Philippine languages. Studies at the Department are therefore heavily **centered on Philippine languages**.

Nonetheless, all Lingg majors are required to learn at least one foreign language. Learning foreign languages allows students to **gain deeper insights into their own native languages as they learn the languages and cultures of others**. Doing so also develops their cognitive skills, as well as their cultural sensitivity and awareness.



# Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the BA in Linguistics program, students are expected to be able to:

- demonstrate understanding of the concepts, theories, and methodologies used in the **analysis of linguistic structure and patterns of language use** in various cultural and social contexts;
- demonstrate understanding of the **processes of language change and variation** and the role of language in **reflecting and constructing social identities**;
- conduct archival and field research activities, including **collecting, organizing, and analyzing linguistic data from diverse languages**, to form hypotheses about language structure and/or human linguistic behavior, and to test those hypotheses against new data;
- contribute to **constructive change in local communities** by drawing on their profound awareness of the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse communities in the Philippines;
- promote **awareness of the importance of linguistic diversity**; and
- demonstrate **proficiency in a foreign language through oral and written communication** in order to conduct research in and on the language, compare and contrast linguistic features across different languages, and **enrich their understanding of linguistic concepts as well as their awareness of diverse cultures, social traditions and perspectives traditions and perspectives**.



# Program of Study

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## Plan A

Aside from developing the students' knowledge in linguistics, this track allows students to study at least **two foreign languages** and take **cognate courses** in a related discipline. This track is ideal for students who want to combine their linguistics specialization with another discipline, such as anthropology, education, literature, history, math, sociology, etc.

## Plan B

This track allows students to specialize in linguistics along with a foreign **Southeast Asian language**. Currently, only the **Malaysian/Indonesian** language program is available to Plan B students. This track is ideal for students who want to specialize in a language that is closely related to and share a lot of linguistic features with Philippine languages. Knowledge in a closely-related Austronesian language will be useful for students who are interested in historical linguistics and language change.

## Plan C

This track allows students to specialize in linguistics along with an **East Asian language**. Currently, Plan C students may choose between **Japanese and Korean**. This track is ideal for students who want to gain a high level of proficiency in either of these languages, and plan to use one of these languages in their future careers or further studies.

# Linguistics courses

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| <b>LINGG 110</b> | Introduction to Linguistics                                |
| <b>LINGG 115</b> | Linguistic Analysis  |
| <b>LINGG 120</b> | Reading & Writing Research in Linguistics                  |
| <b>LINGG 121</b> | Linguistic Survey of the Philippines                       |
| <b>LINGG 125</b> | Introduction to Field Methods in Linguistics               |
| <b>LINGG 130</b> | Structure of a Philippine Language                         |
| <b>LINGG 132</b> | Structure of Bahasa Indonesia/Malaysia                     |
| <b>LINGG 136</b> | Structure of the Japanese Language                         |
| <b>LINGG 137</b> | Structure of the Korean Language                           |
| <b>LINGG 138</b> | Structure of a Chinese Language                            |
| <b>LINGG 140</b> | Introduction to Grammatical Theories                       |
| <b>LINGG 150</b> | The Austronesian Language Family                           |
| <b>LINGG 165</b> | Phonological & Morphological Comparison of Phil. Languages |
| <b>LINGG 166</b> | Syntactic & Semantic Comparison of Phil. Languages         |
| <b>LINGG 170</b> | Introduction to Ethnolinguistics                           |
| <b>LINGG 180</b> | Language Issues in the Philippines                         |
| <b>LINGG 190</b> | Structures of Selected Languages                           |
| <b>LINGG 197</b> | Special Topics in Linguistics                              |
| <b>LINGG 199</b> | Research Methods in Linguistics                            |



# Asian language courses

The following Asian language courses are currently being offered by the Department. Take note that the College of Arts & Letters have the following language course offerings: European languages are offered by the Department of European Languages (DEL) and the Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan ng Pilipinas (DFPP) offers Fil 10.1 & 10.2 for those who want to learn Philippine languages, such as Ilokano, Cebuano, etc. However, Fil 10.1 & 10.2 cannot be credited in order to fulfill the foreign language requirement of the BA in Linguistics curriculum.



Bahasa  
Indonesia/Malaysia



Japanese



Mandarin



Korean



Persian / Farsi



Thai



# general education

All undergraduate students of UP must go through the UP General Education (GE) program. The UP GE program aims to develop leadership characterized by integrity, honor, excellence, and a commitment to public service—the hallmarks of a UP education. To this end, the UP GE program shall provide students with a broad foundation of study that will:

- broaden intellectual & cultural horizons;
- hone critical & creative thinking;
- develop a passion for learning & scholarship;
- cultivate a high sense of intellectual & moral integrity; and
- foster a commitment to nationalism & social justice.

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## Core GE subjects

**ARTS 1** (Critical Perspectives in the Arts)  
**FIL 40** (Wika, Kultura, at Lipunan)  
**KAS 1** (Kasaysayan ng Pilipinas)  
**PHILO 1** (Philosophical Analysis)  
**SOC SCI 2** (Social, Economic & Political Thought)  
**SPEECH 30** (Public Speaking & Persuasion)  
**STS 1** (Science, Technology & Society)

## Program– Prescribed GE

**ENG 13** (Writing as Thinking)  
**MATH 2** (Mathematics in Everyday Life)  
**MATH 10** (Mathematics, Culture & Society)

## GE Electives

In addition to the GE subjects required in the BA in Linguistics program, students may select five GE subjects according to their own interest.

# other required COURSES



- ANTHRO 100 General Anthropology
- SOCIO 101 General Sociology
- KAS 114 Cultural History of the Philippines
- KAS 151 Modern East Asia  
(Plan C students may take this instead of Kas 114)
  
- PSYCH 101 Introduction to Psychology
- PI 100 The Life & Works of Jose Rizal
- PE Four physical education courses (PE 1 or PE 2)
  
- NSTP Six units in one of the following National Service Training Program courses: (1) Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS), (2) Literacy Training Service (LTS), or (3) Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
  
- COGNATES Plan A & B students should consult with their program advisers about the cognate courses that they wish to take and check the requirements for taking these courses

# overview

## Plan A



Linguistics: 45 units  
 Foreign Language 1: 12 units  
 Foreign Language 2: 6 units  
 Social Sciences: 12 units  
 GE: 45 units  
 Cognate: 12 units  
 PI 100: 3 units  
 Four PE courses  
 Two NSTP courses  
**TOTAL: 135 units**

## Plan B

Linguistics: 45 units  
 B Ind/Mal: 24 units  
 Social Sciences: 12 units  
 GE: 45 units  
 Cognate: 6 units  
 PI 100: 3 units  
 Four PE courses  
 Two NSTP courses  
**TOTAL: 135 units**



# overview

## Plan C - Korean



Linguistics: 45 units  
 Korean: 36 units  
 Social Sciences: 12 units  
 GE: 45 units  
 PI 100: 3 units  
 Four PE courses  
 Two NSTP courses  
**TOTAL: 141 units**

## Plan C - Japanese

Linguistics: 45 units  
 Japanese: 39 units  
 Social Sciences: 12 units  
 GE: 45 units  
 PI 100: 3 units  
 Four PE courses  
 Two NSTP courses  
**TOTAL: 144 units**



## BA IN LINGUISTICS

career  
prospects

Our program aims for its students to **develop a wide array of skills that are applicable to many jobs**. Aside from developing students' skills for linguistic analysis, students also have the opportunity to practice and develop their problem-solving skills, critical thinking skills, interpersonal communication skills, creativity, as well as their sociocultural awareness.

Many of the graduates of our degree programs are engaged in the following fields:

- teaching in higher education
- language teaching
- research & data analysis
- translation & interpreting
- academic materials development
- foreign service
- writing & editing
- media & advertising
- sales & marketing
- business & human resource management

## BA IN LINGUISTICS

# other prospects

Several graduates of our program have also gone on to pursue further studies in linguistics and other fields such as education, international relations, culture studies, translation studies, medicine, anthropology, and law.

Some of the external academic institutions where our graduates have gone on to pursue postgraduate or professional degrees include:

- Australian National University
- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies
- Korea University
- Yonsei University
- State University of New York
- Cornell University
- Osaka University
- Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
- University of Malaya
- Université Paris Cité
- Humboldt University





# life as a lingg student

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### UP SAMAHANG LINGGWISTIKA (UP SALIN)



The University of the Philippines Samahang Linggwistika (UP SaLin) is a duly recognized academic and socio-civic, non-profit organization of Linguistics majors and language enthusiasts. The organization aims to direct its efforts in creating projects that will promote linguistics and languages using realistic, meaningful, and up-to-date methods, all while allowing its members to develop and showcase their linguistic knowledge and skills. In this pursuit, UP SaLin advocates the study, preservation, and enrichment of languages, both local and foreign, in academic and social contexts, for the increased linguistic awareness of the individual, fellow students, and the Filipino people for the development of our nation.

<https://www.facebook.com/updsalin>

### SPARKLINGG THE LINGUISTICS CORE GROUP



The SparkLINGG Core Group, comprised of Linguistics majors led by the duly-elected department representative, serves as the volunteer arm of the Department. It is a volunteer force that organizes projects and helps in various events of and for the Department. It is a group that aims to enrich the experience of Lingg students within the college, whether it is through fundraiser projects, educational discussions, or even events such as the Department Welcome Assembly. It is a group of Lingg majors that is for Lingg majors!

<https://www.facebook.com/UPDSparkLINGG>

# life as a lingg student



## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The UP Department of Linguistics conducts a wide variety of research, which includes studies in:

- phonology
- morphology
- syntax
- semantics
- sociolinguistics
- ethnolinguistics
- anthropological linguistics
- historical linguistics
- lexicography
- dialectology
- language documentation & description
- translation studies
- language learning

Students can participate in research projects conducted by the Department's faculty and staff by applying as a **student or research assistant (SA or RA)**.

The Department posts announcements for available SA and RA positions on its social media pages and the Department website. You can also email your professors directly to inquire if you can volunteer to assist in any of their research so that you can gain more experience and learn by observing closely how our faculty and staff conduct research. Just make sure that you can maintain your good academic standing!

# life as a lingg student

## RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

The Department supports the dissemination of research done by its faculty and students by offering them the chance to share their work & exchange ideas through various platforms:

- **Philippine Linguistics Congress** – An occasional international conference that brings together scholars actively engaged in the study of Philippine languages and dialects
- **Linguistics Research Colloquium** – Held every August during the Department's Linguistics Month, the Linguistics Research Colloquium (LRC) is where we showcase some of the best works produced by the Department's undergraduate and graduate students. Faculty members also present some of their recent studies at the LRC.
- **Linguistics Brown Bag Sessions** – An informal sharing of updates on working papers by junior faculty members, graduate students, and visiting research fellows.
- **Asian Languages Forum** – The ALF features talks by instructors from our Asian Languages Unit on teaching and learning Asian languages. We also invite our students to share their experiences, strategies, and tips for developing foreign language proficiency.
- **The Archive Journal** – This is the Department's official peer-reviewed journal publication dedicated to the study of Philippine languages and dialects.
- **The UP Working Papers in Linguistics Journal** – The UPWPL is an open-access online publication featuring preliminary research, reports on research in progress, and think pieces done primarily by undergraduate students and visiting research fellows.



# other events & extension programs

## Asian Language Extramural Classes

Extramural classes are open to UP and non-UP students, alumni, and working professionals. If you are interested in learning more languages or taking higher-level language classes—not for credit in the curriculum, but rather out of genuine interest or other needs—you may choose to enroll in our extramural classes. The registration fees for extramural classes are, however, not covered by the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act.

## Summer Seminar in Linguistics

The Department also offers short courses in linguistics which are open to both UP and non-UP students, alumni, and working professionals. Courses may be on the application of specific methods for language research and analysis or the application of linguistics to other disciplines, such as language teaching, translation, etc.

# facilities



## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Currently located in Room 1318-1320 on the 3rd floor of Palma Hall Pavilion One, this is where you will go to borrow equipment, find your adviser and instructors (who usually can be found eating something here around the famed long wooden table), and occasionally leave messages or assignments in your instructor's pigeonhole.



## CLASSROOMS

Most of the Department's classrooms are located on the fourth floor of Palma Hall (so make sure to build up your endurance to be able to climb up the stairs!)



## LINGUISTICS LIBRARY

The Department's library contains the theses & dissertations produced by its MA & PhD Ling alumni, books on Austronesian languages donated by the American linguist Isidore Dyen, Asian language books and references donated by various donors, and other materials that are for room-use only. It is currently located in Palma Hall Room 400B. Inquiries about the Ling Lib collection and services can be directed to [library.linguistics.upd@up.edu.ph](mailto:library.linguistics.upd@up.edu.ph).



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