Program: **Linguistics**

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**Program Mission:** The WWU Linguistics Program offers a broad, multidisciplinary approach to the scientific analysis of human language. Students analyze the structural components of language: phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. They study how language is acquired, how it varies across time and space, and how it is used in different social contexts. Students also develop a solid foundation in a second language and are introduced to various subfields of linguistics, including neurolinguistics, sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, historical linguistics, computational linguistics, applied linguistics, and discourse analysis. Our classes engage students in critical inquiry, enabling them to become informed participants in public discourse about language.

**Program Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon graduation, Linguistics major will be able to:

1. recognize and understand the basic fields of linguistic inquiry
2. gather and synthesize linguistic data effectively and ethically
3. formulate and test hypotheses
4. draw conclusions and inferences from linguistic evidence
5. present findings of their linguistic research
6. analyze the structural components of language
7. understand social factors that shape language structure and use
8. understand theoretical concepts and methodologies for thinking critically about language

**GUR Competencies: 8 and 11**

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