The Department of Linguistics offers undergraduate instruction of three types: courses in linguistics, English as an International Language, English as a Second Language, and in non-Western languages.

Linguistics courses focus on empirical and theoretical issues connected with how languages are structured, how they are used, and how they change through time. These courses are of interest to students in the Linguistics, CS + Linguistics, as well as Linguistics + TESL majors. These courses will also be of interest to students in other fields where the analysis of languages is important: anthropology, speech and hearing science, education, psychology, philosophy, computer science, foreign languages, and others.

English as an International Language courses are concerned with the teaching of English to speakers of other languages. These courses are of interest to not only Linguistics + TESL majors, but to students planning a career in language teaching.

English as a Second Language courses are for students whose first language is not English, to build up skills in speaking, understanding, reading, and writing English.

Non-Western Language courses build up skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing a specific language; familiarize students with literatures and cultures connected with the language; and examine linguistic issues peculiar to the language itself. These courses are of interest to students planning international careers, or simply desiring to broaden their perspective and learn about a different language and culture. Languages offered by the department are: African Languages (Bamana, Lingala, Swahili, Wolof, and Zulu), Arabic, Hindi, Modern Greek, Persian, Sanskrit, Turkish.

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