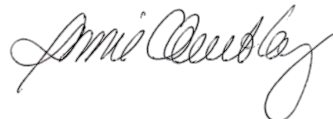


UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: October 20, 2023

From: Raquel Gonzalez de Anda 

Through: Annie Tremblay, Chair of Latin-US and Linguistics



Through: Anadeli Bencomo, Dean of Liberal Arts

To: Selfa Chew-Melendez, Curriculum Committee Chair

Proposal Title: Linguistics Major Changes

The program has undergone several changes related to faculty retirement and hire of new faculty. With all current TT professors in the department specializing in different aspects of bilingualism, a title change needs to be implemented to show the greater focus on bilingualism and a lesser focus on theoretical linguistics. This refocusing will better reflect the expertise of the current Linguistics faculty, address the needs of UTEP students (thus increasing enrollment), and meet the strategic goal of the University to be one of the leading American institutions in research on bilingualism.

First, we propose changing the name of the major from 'Linguistics' to 'Linguistics and Bilingualism'. We believe that adding the word 'bilingualism' to the name of the major will attract students, which will help us increase the number of majors in our program. Most students are unaware of what linguistics is, and that has always been a challenge when it comes to recruiting.

Second, we propose restructuring the core and electives' section of the major, with students being required to take foundational linguistics courses and also courses that have a focus on bilingualism (see Degree Plan Changes document attached).

Third, we propose revised names for some of the courses we offer. Some of the updated course names reflect the change of the program's focus, for example, adding the word 'bilingualism' to the Sociolinguistics course, much of which focuses on bilingualism. Other changes simply remove unnecessary words in the titles, for example removing the word 'an' from 'An Introduction to Linguistics' (see course change forms attached).

Lastly, we propose updating the description of some of our courses. Most of the course description changes are made to reflect the bilingualism focus of the program (see Course Change forms attached). In some cases, like Introduction to Linguistics, the new description provides clearer information of what the course is about, which would help us get more students to enroll in the course (see course change forms attached).

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Existing Degree Program Title Change Request

Directions: Complete this form to request a change to the title (name) of an existing degree program. The degree program must already be on an institution's program inventory. A degree program title consists of the following two parts:

- 1) degree designation, such as Bachelor of Science (BS), Master of Arts (MA), or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD); and,
- 2) name of the discipline, such as History, Mechanical Engineering, or Zoology.

NOTE: This form requires the signature of the Provost or Chief Academic Officer.

Submit the *Degree Program Title Change Request* via the Online Submission Portal:

<https://www1.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/proposals/>

Information: Contact the Division of Academic Quality and Workforce at 512/427-6200.

Administrative Information

1. **Institution:** The University of Texas at El Paso

2. **Current Degree Program Title** – *Show how the program appears on the Coordinating Board's approval letter (e.g., Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Accounting):*
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics

3. **Degree Program CIP Code:** 160102

4. **Contact Person:** *Provide contact information for the person who can answer specific questions about the degree program.*

Name: Dr. Annie Tremblay

Title: Professor, Department of Latin-US and Linguistics Chair

E-mail: actremblay@utep.edu

Phone: 915-747-6803

Request for Change in Degree Program Designation (e.g., Bachelor of Science (BS), Master of Arts (MA), or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD))

Current Degree Program Designation:

Proposed Degree Program Designation:

Implementation Date (MM/DD/YYYY):

Reason for Change:

Describe why this change would be beneficial to students and/or the degree program.

Request Change in Name of Discipline (e.g., History, Mechanical Engineering, or Zoology)

Current Name: Linguistics

Proposed Name: Linguistics and Bilingualism

Implementation Date (MM/DD/YYYY): Fall 2024

Reason for Change:

Describe why this change would be beneficial to students and/or the program.

The program has undergone several changes related to faculty retirement and hire of new faculty. With all current TT professors in the department specializing in different aspects of bilingualism, a title change needs to be implemented to show the greater focus on bilingualism and a lesser focus on theoretical linguistics. This refocusing will better reflect the expertise of the current Linguistics faculty, address the needs of UTEP students (thus increasing enrollment), and meet the strategic goal of the University to be one of the leading American institutions in research on bilingualism.

In addition, we believe that adding the word 'bilingualism' to the name of the major will attract students, which will help us increase the number of majors in our program. Most students are unaware of what linguistics is, and that has always been a challenge when it comes to recruiting.

Signature of Compliance

I hereby certify that all of the above changes have been approved in accordance with the procedures required by my institution, system office, and Board of Regents, as applicable.

Provost/Chief Academic Officer

Date

Degree Plan Changes from Catalog Form

BA in Linguistics

Code	Title	Hours
Minor Required		
This program requires the selection of a minor.		
University Core Curriculum		
Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements.		42
Linguistics Major		
Required Courses:		
LING 2320	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LING 3301	Phonology	3
LING 3302	Syntax	3
LING 3357	Sociolinguistics and Bilingualism	3
LING 4348	Second Language Acquisition	3
Select three hours from the following		
LING 4306	Child Language Acquisition	3
LING 4316	Language and Cognition	3
Upper-Division Hours		
Select nine hours of the following:		9
LING 2322	The Acad. Vocab. of English	
LING 3307	English Phonetics & Phonology	
LING 3308	Second Language Teaching	
LING 3309	Structure of Spanish	
LING 3311	Spanish Phonetics & Phonology	
LING 3312	Pedagogical Issues in Spanish	
LING 3313	English Historical Linguistics	
LING 3314	Struct Engl for Lang Professnl	
LING 3315	History of Spanish Language	
LING 3316	Spanish in the US	
LING 4306	Child Language Acquisition	
LING 4348	Second Language Acquisition	
LING 4371	Studies in Linguistics	

Degree Plan Changes from Catalog Form

4-Year Sample Degree Plan

Code	Title	Hours
BA IN LINGUISTICS		
FRESHMAN		
Fall		
	General Core Communication	3
	General Core MATH	3
	General Core Lang, Phil & Culture	3
HIST 1301	History of U.S. to 1865	3
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
Spring		
	General Core Communication	3
	General Core Life/Phy Science w/Lab	4
	General Core Compon Area Option	3
HIST 1302	History of U.S. Since 1865	3
POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics	3
SOPHOMORE		
Fall		
	General Core Compon Area Option	3
	General Core Life/Phys Science	3

Code	Title	Hours
General Core Creative Art		3
Minor		3
Foreign Language		3
Spring		
LING 2320	An Intro. to Linguistics	3
Minor		3
Minor		3
Foreign Language		3
Elective		3
JUNIOR		
Fall		
LING 3301	Phonology	3
LING 3357	Sociolinguistics and Bilingualism	3
Block Elective		3
Minor		3
Minor		3
Spring		
LING 3302	Syntax	3
LING 4348	Second Language Acquisition	3
Minor		3
Block Elective		3
Block Elective		3

Code	Title	Hours
SENIOR		
Fall		
	Block Elective	3
	Elective	3
	LING 4316 OR LING 4306	3
	LING-upper division	3
	LING-upper division	3
Spring		
	Block Elective	3
	Block Elective	3
	LING-upper division	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
Total Hours		121
Course List		

COURSE CHANGE FORM

COPY OF CATALOG PAGE NOT REQUIRED

All fields below are required

College : Liberal Arts
Term : 2024

Department : Latin-US and Linguistics

Effective

Rationale for changing the course:

Changing the name of the course, the word 'Analyses' in the title is unnecessary. Also, added a note about recommended background to the description of the course since this course will now be a core course of the major.

All fields below are required

Subject Prefix and number LING 4348

Course Title Analyses Second Lang Acquis.
(Course descriptions are limited to 600 characters)
(Course titles are limited to 29 characters)

Change	From	To
Course name	Analyses Second Lang Acquis.	Second Language Acquisition
Course description	Analyses of Second Language Acquisition (3-0) A theoretical and practical examination of various (though complementary) theories of second language learning, with their implications for the second language classroom	Second Language Acquisition (3-0) A theoretical and practical examination of various (though complementary) theories of second language learning, with their implications for the second language classroom. Recommended background: Introduction to Linguistics (LING 2320 or ANTH 2320 or ENGL 2320)

These changes will be reflected in Banner, Goldmine, and the catalog

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All fields below are required

College : Liberal Arts
Term : 2024

Department : Latin-US and Linguistics

Effective

Rationale for changing the course:

Changing the name of the course to reflect that the focus of this course is child/first language acquisition. Second language acquisition is covered in another course (LING 4348).

All fields below are required

Subject Prefix and number LING 4306

Course Title Language Acquisition

(Course descriptions are limited to 600 characters)

(Course titles are limited to 29 characters)

Change	From	To
Course name	Language Acquisition	Child Language Acquisition

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All fields below are required

College : Liberal Arts
Term : 2024

Department : Latin-US and Linguistics

Effective

Rationale for changing the course:

Changing the name of the course and its description to reflect that an important part of the content touches on the topic of bilingualism.

All fields below are required

Subject Prefix and number LING 3357

Course Title Sociolinguistics

(Course descriptions are limited to 600 characters)

(Course titles are limited to 29 characters)

Change	From	To
Course name	Sociolinguistics	Sociolinguistics and Bilingualism
Course description	Language variables and sociological correlates, a review of current research, theories and applications. Recommended background: LING 2320. (May be taken as SOCI 3357)	Language use in its social context. Topics include: language variation and change, bilingualism, regional dialectology, attitudes toward certain dialects and accents. Recommended background: LING 2320. (May be taken as ANTH 3357)

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College : Liberal Arts
Term : 2024

Department : Latin-US and Linguistics

Effective

Rationale for changing the course:

Changing the name of the course and its description to reflect that the content of the course is not specifically about teaching English as a second language, but about teaching adults a second language or a foreign language.

All fields below are required

Subject Prefix and number LING 3308

Course Title Teach Engl Spkr of Other Lang.
(Course descriptions are limited to 600 characters)
(Course titles are limited to 29 characters)

Change	From	To
Course name	Teach Engl Spkr of Other Lang.	Second Language Teaching
Course description	Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (3-0) Modern foreign language teaching techniques with particular attention to the problems of the learner of English. Theories of language learning and testing, and the practical use of audio-visual equipment. Prerequisite: ENGL 1312 or ENGL 1313 or ESOL 1312.	Second Language Teaching (3-0) Language teaching approaches with an emphasis on the principles defining best practices in adult second and foreign language instruction. Practical activities include the creation of pedagogical materials and assisting ESL students. Prerequisite: RWS 1302 or ENGL 1313 or ESOL 1312.
Prerequisite	ENGL 1312 or ENGL 1313 or ESOL 1312.	RWS 1302 or ENGL 1313 or ESOL 1312.

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All fields below are required

College : Liberal Arts
Term : 2024

Department : Latin-US and Linguistics

Effective

Rationale for changing the course:

Changing the course description since there is new faculty teaching the course, and to reflect that the content includes material on the topic of bilingualism.

All fields below are required

Subject Prefix and number LING 3301

Course Title Phonology

(Course descriptions are limited to 600 characters)

(Course titles are limited to 29 characters)

Change	From	To
Course description	Phonology (3-0) Techniques of analyzing sound patterns in a variety of languages. Formulating phonological rules, including the use of distinctive features. Prerequisite: LING 2320 or ANTH 2320 or ENGL 2320.	Phonology (3-0) Techniques of analyzing sound patterns in a variety of languages. Formulating phonological rules, including the use of distinctive features. Current research on phonology in bilingualism is discussed. Prerequisite: LING 2320 or ANTH 2320 or ENGL 2320.

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All fields below are required

College : Liberal Arts
Term : 2024

Department : Latin-US and Linguistics

Effective

Rationale for changing the course:

Changing the name and description of this course. The previous description was very broad, the new and more detailed description should provide students a better idea of the topics that are covered in the course.

All fields below are required

Subject Prefix and number LING 2320

Course Title An Intro. to Linguistics

(Course descriptions are limited to 600 characters)

(Course titles are limited to 29 characters)

Change	From	To
Course description	An Introduction to Linguistics (3-0) Introduction to the basic concepts and techniques of modern linguistics.	This course is an introduction to the scientific study of human language. It provides an overview of foundational topics such as phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax. Knowledge of these core areas of Linguistics will be applied to the study of the other areas of the field such as language acquisition, language change, variation, etc.
Course name	An Intro. to Linguistics	Introduction to Linguistics

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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

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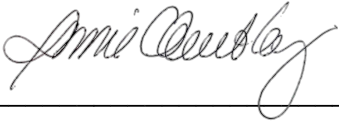
Proposal Title: Linguistics Major Changes

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Latin-US and Linguistics

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Annie Tremblay

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.



10/23/2023

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Selfa Chew-Melendez

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Anadeli Bencomo

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date

Degree Plan Changes from Catalog Form

BA in Linguistics

Code	Title	Hours
Minor Required		
This program requires the selection of a minor.		
University Core Curriculum		
Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements.		42
Linguistics Major		
Required Courses:		
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LING 3301	Phonology	3
LING 3302	Syntax	3
LING 3357	Sociolinguistics and Bilingualism	3
LING 4348	Second Language Acquisition	3
Select three hours from the following		
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4-Year Sample Degree Plan

Code	Title	Hours
BA IN LINGUISTICS		
FRESHMAN		
Fall		
General Core Communication		3
General Core MATH		3
General Core Lang, Phil & Culture		3
HIST 1301	History of U.S. to 1865	3
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
Spring		
General Core Communication		3
General Core Life/Phy Science w/Lab		4
General Core Compon Area Option		3
HIST 1302	History of U.S. Since 1865	3
POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics	3
SOPHOMORE		
Fall		
General Core Compon Area Option		3
General Core Life/Phys Science		3

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Code	Title	Hours
General Core Creative Art		3
Minor		3
Foreign Language		3
Spring		
LING 2320	An Intro. to Linguistics	3
Minor		3
Minor		3
Foreign Language		3
Elective		3
JUNIOR		
Fall		
LING 3301	Phonology	3
LING 3357	Sociolinguistics and Bilingualism	3
Block Elective		3
Minor		3
Minor		3
Spring		
LING 3302	Syntax	3
LING 4348	Second Language Acquisition	3
Minor		3
Block Elective		3
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Code	Title	Hours
SENIOR		
Fall		
	Block Elective	3
	Elective	3
	LING 4316 OR LING 4306	3
	LING-upper division	3
	LING-upper division	3
Spring		
	Block Elective	3
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	LING-upper division	3
	Elective	3
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Total Hours		121
Course List		

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