LINGUISTICS HONOURS (B.A.) (60 CREDITS)

Offered by: Linguistics (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts **Program credit weight:** 60

Program Description

The B.A. Honours in Linguistics program focuses on the various sub-areas of linguistics with substantial breadth and depth. The program includes an Honours Thesis that emphasizes the process of independent research.

Honours students must maintain a GPA of 3.30 (B+ average) in their program courses and a minimum grade of B+ must be obtained in three out of four of the following courses: LING 330 Phonetics., LING 331 Phonology 1., LING 360 Introduction to Semantics., LING 371 Syntax 1., as well as LING 480D1 Honours Thesis./LING 480D2 Honours Thesis.. According to Faculty of Arts regulations, Honours students must also maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.00 in general. The requirement for First Class Honours is a CGPA of 3.50 and a minimum grade of A- in the Honours Thesis.

Degree Requirements — B.A. students

To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required Courses (21 credits)

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Course Title	Credits
LING 201 Introduction to Linguistics.	3
LING 330 Phonetics.	3
LING 331 Phonology 1.	3
LING 360 Introduction to Semantics.	3
LING 371 Syntax 1.	3
LING 480D1 Honours Thesis.	3
LING 480D2 Honours Thesis.	3

Required courses must be completed at McGill unless Departmental permission is obtained.

Complementary Courses (39 credits)

3 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
COMP 230	Logic and Computability.	3
MATH 318	Mathematical Logic.	3
PHIL 210	Introduction to Deductive Logic 1.	3

24 credits of Linguistics (LING) courses, 15 of the credits in Linguistics must be at the 400/500 level and only 3 credits in Linguistics can be at the 200 level.

Other Fields

12 credits in related fields selected from the following list.

Computer Science

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Course	Title	Credits
COMP 202	Foundations of Programming.	3
COMP 230	Logic and Computability.	3
COMP 250	Introduction to Computer Science.	3

French Language and Literature

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Course	Title	Credits
FREN 231	Linguistique française.	3
FREN 336	Histoire de la langue française.	3
FREN 434	Sociolinguistique du français.	3

Language

Any course in language (other than the student's native language) - literature courses are not acceptable.

Mathematics

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Course	Title	Credits
MATH 240	Discrete Structures.	3

Philosophy

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Course	Title	Credits
PHIL 306	Philosophy of Mind.	3
PHIL 415	Philosophy of Language.	3

Psychology

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Course	Title	Credits
PSYC 311	Human Cognition and the Brain.	3
PSYC 340	Psychology of Language.	3
PSYC 341	The Psychology of Bilingualism.	3
PSYC 433	Cognitive Science.	3
PSYC 530	Applied Topics in Deafness.	3

Statistics

Any course in statistics (from any department).