LINGUISTICS
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How is language structured? What are the social forces associated with the development of language? How does the mind process and produce language? What are the best methods for teaching and learning a new language? Linguistics is a vibrant and multifaceted field that bridges the academic and the everyday. From Sociolinguistics to Linguistic Anthropology to Applied Linguistics, each of the various disciplines associated with the general area of Linguistics provides an illuminating perspective on the ways in which language works.

At Williams, students can gain insight into the intricacies of linguistic functions in courses located in several different academic units.

Offered 2018-19

- JAPN 131 (F) Introduction to Japanese Linguistics
- JAPN 258 (S) Language and Literacy Development
- JAPN 407T/ASST 207T (F) An Exploration of Japanese Language and Culture
- PHIL 308 (F) Wittgenstein’s “Philosophical Investigations”
- PHIL 203 (S) Logic and Language

Not Offered 2018-19

- ANTH 262 Language and Power
- ARAB 224 Second Language Learning: The Learner, the Classroom, and the Social World
- ARAB 227 Language and Society: What Does Your Speech Say about You?
- BIOL 409T Cultural Evolution in Biological Systems
- CHIN 252 Bridging Theory and Practice: Learning and Teaching Chinese as a Second Language
- CHIN 431 Introduction to Chinese Linguistics
- COGS 222 Minds, Brains, and Intelligent Behavior: An Introduction to Cognitive Science
- PHIL 280 Frege, Russell, and the Early Wittgenstein
- PHIL 304 Philosophy of Language