

The Linguistics Major Portfolio (v. July 2021)

All linguistics majors will turn in a portfolio that demonstrates their growth and proficiency in the core areas of Linguistics and the student's chosen track area. The portfolio is a required assignment for the Capstone course (LING 4110), which is required for all Linguistics majors. The portfolio will be assessed by professors in the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures & Cultures and affiliated departments as required.

- All pieces are required.
- Portfolios are required in order for graduation, but graduating is not contingent upon a portfolio grade.
- You must include the data used for those classes in which you solve or analyze a problem.
- You must include the assignment or instructions given for those classes in which you wrote a paper.
- **Beginning in the Spring 2020 semester, electronic submission is required.** We will use Google Classroom as we transition to digital-only submission.

1. The Major Core

LING 2320 Introduction to Language & Linguistics

Submit two items:

- Homework or other written assignment on **phonology**.
- Homework or other written assignment on **syntax**.

LING 2350 World Languages

Submit your final paper, or longest written assignment.

LING 3325 Sociolinguistics

Your instructor will designate a research paper or ethnography that asks you to use appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to explore ideas within sociolinguistics, conveying the writer's understanding of the interaction of language and culture. Include the assignment in the portfolio.

LING 4345 Analytical Methods of Morphology and Syntax

Your instructor will designate a problem that asks you to develop a hypothesis, demonstrate analytical approaches to grammatical phenomena and use descriptive prose to support analysis, including using correct terminology. You must include all data used to complete the assignment in the portfolio.

LING 4350 Phonology

Your instructor will designate a problem that asks you to apply phonological theory to analyzing a data set. You must include all data used to complete the assignment in the portfolio.

2. The Reflective Essay

You will write a 4-6 page reflective essay on your experience as a Linguistics major. This essay should analyze how studying linguistics has transformed the way you view yourself and your culture.

What do I do if I am missing pieces?

1. If you do not have a piece for LING 3325 Sociolinguistics

You will need to write a paper demonstrating knowledge of key concepts such as community of practice, speech community, social factors that affect speech, etc. through a written analysis. You must work with your Capstone instructor to determine the topic and scope of the makeup assignment.

2. If you are missing pieces from LING 4345 Syntax or LING 4350 Phonology

You will need to work with your Capstone instructor to determine the topic and scope of the makeup assignment.