

Student Contract for Linguistics Majors

This contract is to be signed during the semester the student declares the major. A graduation application will not be signed by an advisor unless this contract is on file.

Dear Student:

Welcome to the major in Linguistics! You have probably made this choice because you find the study of language intriguing and are looking forward to in-depth study of the core areas of linguistics as well as your chosen concentration area. We are looking forward to guiding you through this discovery process, and this contract is one tool we are using to make sure your experience in the Department of Writing and in the linguistics major is an enjoyable one. We also must assess how well our program prepares you for graduate school or for a career using your linguistics degree. To that end, this contract spells out what will be required of you before you may graduate.

The Portfolio

- You are required to prepare a portfolio to be turned in to your major advisor at **least two weeks** before your graduation date.
- You cannot graduate without turning in the portfolio but graduation is not contingent upon the evaluation of the portfolio.
- The portfolio consists of three parts: artifacts such as papers, essays, problem sets, projects or other materials as you deem appropriate to demonstrate proficiency in the core areas of linguistics; demonstration of proficiency in the Track area; and a 3-5 page reflective essay that analyzes how studying linguistics has transformed the way you view yourself and your culture.
- The portfolio will be assessed by the linguistics faculty according to the Portfolio Assessment Rubric, which is attached to this contract.
- You should meet periodically (at least once per semester) with your major advisor to discuss your progress.

Linguistics Track

You must choose one of the four tracks of the major. You have chosen Track # _____

I have read this document and understand its contents. My signature below indicates that I understand I must turn in a complete portfolio in order to graduate, and I have received the requirements of the portfolio. I further agree to complete these requirements to the best of my ability.

Student Signature

Print Name

Date

Major Advisor Signature

Print Name

Date