



June 12, 2023

Dear Linguistics Undergraduates,

The Linguistics Department Faculty have voted to replace the “B-“ grade minimum in LING 20 for Linguistics majors/minors with a **“C” grade minimum**. This major policy change will begin effective Fall 2023.

Beginning in Fall 2023, students are required to earn a letter grade of “C” or above in LING 20 to be eligible for any of the Linguistics majors and minor. The “B-“ minimum in Ling 20 prerequisite to enroll in courses Ling 102/103 and 120B will also be removed effective Fall 2023. Please read the notes below thoroughly to understand how this will affect Fall 2023 enrollment and major/minor eligibility:

- **Students who earn at least a “C” grade in LING 20 but below a “B-“ will be able to enroll in LING 102/103 or LING 120B for Fall 2023 via MyUCLA through standard enrollment procedures.** A “B-“ grade or above in LING 20 will no longer be required to enroll in these courses.
- **Students pursuing a Linguistics+X major/minor and earn below a “C” grade in LING 20 will be allowed to *repeat the course once per* [College repeat policies](#).** As always, they should meet with the Linguistics Undergraduate Advisor as soon as possible to ensure they will still be on track to pursue a Linguistics major/minor.
- **Students pursuing a Linguistics+X major/minor MUST pass LING 20 with a letter grade of “C” or above prior to beginning upper division Linguistics coursework in the major/minor.** Even if a student chooses to continue with upper division Linguistics courses for which they have satisfied the prerequisite to stay on track with their degree course plan, a “C” grade or above in LING 20 must still be obtained at some point to complete or be eligible to declare any Linguistics major/minor.
 - Note: Although the enrollment system will not bar students who pass LING 20 with below a “C” grade from enrolling in upper division Linguistics courses, these students will not satisfy the LING 20 requirement for the majors or minor. Therefore, repeating LING 20 as soon as possible to maintain eligibility is highly encouraged.

If you have any questions about the above changes, please contact the Linguistics Undergraduate Advisor at leigh@humnet.ucla.edu. These changes will be outlined clearly on our website in the coming weeks. I appreciate your patience as we transition to this new major policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leigh Bagood".

Leigh Bagood
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