Sample Four Year Plan

Linguistics (BA/BS)

Semester 1
- **TRU 120: First Year Seminar** (3 cr)
- **LING 198: New Majors Seminar** (1 cr)
- **LING 238: Intro to Linguistics** (3 cr)
- ENG 190: Writing as Critical Thinking (3 cr) **OR** COMM 170: Public Speaking (3 cr)
- Elementary Foreign Language I (3 cr)

Semester 2
- **LING 224: Topics in Linguistics** *(if offered and of interest)* (1-3 cr)
- ENG 190: Writing as Critical Thinking (3 cr) **OR** COMM 170: Public Speaking (3 cr)
- Elementary Foreign Language II (3 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (6-9 cr)

Semester 3
- **Choose one "Structure and History of Language" course** (4 cr)
- **Choose one LING elective or Sociolinguistics course** (1-4 cr)
- STAT 190: Basic Statistics (3 cr)
- Intermediate Foreign Language I (3 cr) *(if B.A.)*
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)

"Structure and History of Language" course options:
- LING 315: Structure and History of Romance Languages (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 318: Structure and History of English (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 319: Structure and History of a Language or Language Family (4 cr)

LING Elective/Sociolinguistics course options:
- LING 224: Topics in Linguistics (1-3 cr), **OR**
- LING 413: Advanced Linguistics: Topics (1-4 cr), **OR**
- LING 324: WE/Sociolinguistics (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 325: WE/Language and Gender (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 326: WE/Language and Ethnicity (4 cr)
- "Core Area Analysis" and/or "Structure and History of Language" courses not already taken to fulfill these requirements.

Semester 4
- **Choose one "Core Area of Analysis" course** (4 cr)
- **Choose one "Structure and History of Language" course** (4 cr) *(if needed)*
- **Choose one LING elective or Sociolinguistics course** (1-4 cr)
- Intermediate Foreign Language II (3 cr) *(if B.A.)*
- Bachelor of Science Requirement course (3 cr) *(if B.S.)*
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)

"Core Area of Analysis" course options:
- LING 430: Syntax (4 cr)
- LING 432: Phonetics and Phonology (4 cr)
- LING 433: Semantics and Pragmatics (4 cr)

"Structure and History of Language" course options:
- LING 315: Structure and History of Romance Languages (4 cr)
- LING 318: Structure and History of English (4 cr)
- LING 319: Structure and History of a Language or Language Family (4 cr)

Choose Elective/Sociolinguistics Course:
- LING 224: Topics in Linguistics (1-3 cr), **OR**
- LING 413: Advanced Linguistics: Topics (1-4 cr), **OR**
- LING 324: WE/Sociolinguistics (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 325: WE/Language and Gender (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 326: WE/Language and Ethnicity (4 cr) **OR**
- "Core Area Analysis" and/or "Structure and History of Language" courses not already taken to fulfill these requirements.

Semester 5

- **LING 398: Linguistics Mid-Major Seminar** (1 cr)
- **Choose one "Core Area of Analysis" course** (4 cr)
- **Choose one LING elective or Sociolinguistics course** (1-4 cr)
- JINS 3XX: WE/Junior Interdisciplinary Seminar (3 cr)
- Bachelor of Science Requirement Course (BS) (3 cr) *(if B.S.)*
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)

"Core Area of Analysis" course options:
- LING 430: Syntax (4 cr)
- LING 432: Phonetics and Phonology (4 cr)
- LING 433: Semantics and Pragmatics (4 cr)

Choose Elective/Sociolinguistics Course:
- LING 224: Topics in Linguistics (1-3 cr), **OR**
- LING 413: Advanced Linguistics: Topics (1-4 cr), **OR**
- LING 324: WE/Sociolinguistics (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 325: WE/Language and Gender (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 326: WE/Language and Ethnicity (4 cr) **OR**
- "Core Area Analysis" and/or "Structure and History of Language" courses not already taken to fulfill these requirements.

Semester 6

- **LING 414: WE/Language and the Mind** (4 cr)
- **Choose one "Core Area of Analysis" course** (4 cr) *(if needed)*
- **Choose LING electives or Sociolinguistics courses** (1-8 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (3 cr)

"Core Area of Analysis" course options:
- LING 430: Syntax (4 cr)
- LING 432: Phonetics and Phonology (4 cr)
- LING 433: Semantics and Pragmatics (4 cr)

Choose Elective/Sociolinguistics Course:
- LING 224: Topics in Linguistics (1-3 cr), **OR**
- LING 413: Advanced Linguistics: Topics (1-4 cr), **OR**
- LING 324: WE/Sociolinguistics (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 325: WE/Language and Gender (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 326: WE/Language and Ethnicity (4 cr) **OR**
- "Core Area Analysis" and/or "Structure and History of Language" courses not already taken to fulfill these requirements.

Semester 7

- **Choose one "Core Area of Analysis" course** (4 cr) *(if needed)*
- **Choose LING electives or Sociolinguistics courses** (1-8 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (6 cr)

"Core Area of Analysis" course options:
- LING 430: Syntax (4 cr)
- LING 432: Phonetics and Phonology (4 cr)
- LING 433: Semantics and Pragmatics (4 cr)

Choose Elective/Sociolinguistics Course:
- LING 224: Topics in Linguistics (1-3 cr), **OR**
- LING 413: Advanced Linguistics: Topics (1-4 cr), **OR**
- LING 324: WE/Sociolinguistics (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 325: WE/Language and Gender (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 326: WE/Language and Ethnicity (4 cr) **OR**
- "Core Area Analysis" and/or "Structure and History of Language" courses not already taken to fulfill these requirements.

Semester 8

- LING 498: WE/Linguistics Capstone Seminar (1 cr)
- **Choose LING electives or Sociolinguistics courses** (1-8 cr)
- Dialogues Curriculum course (9 cr)

Choose Elective/Sociolinguistics Course:
- LING 224: Topics in Linguistics (1-3 cr), **OR**
- LING 413: Advanced Linguistics: Topics (1-4 cr), **OR**
- LING 324: WE/Sociolinguistics (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 325: WE/Language and Gender (4 cr), **OR**
- LING 326: WE/Language and Ethnicity (4 cr) **OR**
- "Core Area Analysis" and/or "Structure and History of Language" courses not already taken to fulfill these requirements.

NOTES:

- **LING 414:** WE/Language and the Mind (4 cr) is offered once every three semesters.
- Topics courses **LING 224:** Topics in Linguistics (1-3 cr) and **LING 413**: Advanced Linguistics: Topics (1-4 cr) are offered regularly as various subjects.
- **Core Areas of Analysis** course options include **LING 430:** Syntax (4 cr), **LING 431:** Morphology (4 cr), **LING 432:** Phonetics and Phonology (4 cr), and **LING 433:** Semantics and Pragmatics (4 cr). *Two of these courses are required for graduation.*
- **Structure and History of Language** course options include **LING 315:** Structure and History

of Romance Languages (4 cr), **LING 318:** Structure and History of English (4 cr), and **LING 319:** Structure and History of a Language or Language Family (4 cr). *One of these courses is required for graduation.*

- **Research on Language in Use** course options include **CML 308:** Principles of Second Language Teaching (3 cr), **LING 308:** WE/Principles of Second Language Teaching (4 cr), **LING 324:** WE/Sociolinguistics (4 cr), **LING 325:** WE/Language and Gender (4 cr), and **LING 414:** WE/Language and the Mind (4 cr).
- **Courses taught by Ofstad Scholars** are generally 1-2 credit hour courses on special topics that will not recur during a student's time at Truman. Incoming students should check to see if these courses have prerequisites and/or would be appropriate for a student just beginning linguistic study.
- **Elective** course options include approximately 20 courses including **ENG 419:** WE/Linguistics and Literary Criticism (4 cr), **SPAN 503:** Topics in Hispanic Linguistics (3 cr), **GERM 432:** Grimms' Maerchen and German Dialectology (3 cr), **FREN 425:** Phonology and Advanced Grammar (3 cr), and **LING 520:** ESOL Assessment Strategies for K-12 Learners (3 cr), among others.
- One of the sociolinguistics family of courses – **LING 324:** WE/Sociolinguistics (4 cr), **LING 325:** WE/Language and Gender (4 cr), and **LING 326:** WE/Language and Ethnicity (4 cr) – are not required for the Linguistics BA or BS but highly recommended and can be used as an elective.
- WE = Writing Enhanced course
- If you have not completed the Civics Exam, we recommend doing so in your **first year**.
- Truman students are required to complete a Portfolio to graduate. We recommend starting to compile your work for the Portfolio sooner than later.
- Students must complete their Application to Graduate **the semester prior to graduating**. Apply to graduate through TruView.
- Graduating seniors need to complete their seniors test and questionnaire. We recommend reviewing the Assessment & Testing page to plan accordingly.
- **The Dialogues curriculum** requires a certain number of courses/credit hours in the following Perspectives: Social, Arts and Humanities, STEM, Communications, and Statistics. The exact number of courses a student will be required to take during their undergraduate career varies individually according to the credit transferred in.

Department Chair: Please contact the Center for Academic Excellence with any updates to the plan above. Revised 2/20/2025