

# Student Contract for Linguistics Majors

To be completed during the semester the student declares the major

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 Languages, Linguistics, Literatures & Cultures 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 before your graduation date. You cannot graduate without turning in a complete portfolio, but graduation is not contingent upon the score of the portfolio.
- The portfolio consists of three parts: items from the core courses, a test score for track one or two research papers/one research paper and a problem set for tracks two, three and four, and a 4-6 page reflective essay that analyzes how studying linguistics has transformed the way you view yourself and your culture.
- The portfolio will be assessed according to the Portfolio Assessment Rubric.
- 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 before graduating, and I have received the requirements and assessment rubric concerning the portfolio. I further agree to complete these requirements to the best of my ability.

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Student

Major Advisor

Date

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_