

# ASACR 7

Office of the President  
April 28, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATION:  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Linguistics, in the Department of Linguistics within the College of Arts and Sciences.

Background: The proposed Doctor of Philosophy in Linguistics is intended to prepare students for both academic and non-academic careers in a field that has seen national growth and fills a void in the southern United States, where there is not a linguistics doctoral program.

This proposed program will be delivered in person and will attract students pursuing graduate degrees in a variety of fields in addition to linguistics, including English, literature, languages, psychology, philosophy, anthropology and computer science. Additionally, students with an interest in the interaction of language and areas like health, law and technology will be well-served by this degree.

The program has the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate. The Provost of the university supports this recommendation. Pending approval by the Board of Trustees, the program will begin the review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

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Action taken:  Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_