

Linguistics

There are three aspects to Linguistics: language form, language meaning, and language in context. Linguistics is a scientific study of a language that explores the structure of language and how it is acquired. Linguistics students explore how a language is structured, how it is used in the production, comprehension of messages, and how language changes over time. You will try to answer questions relating to the nature of language, such as what do all languages have in common, or how do children learn a language? Linguistics is a highly interdisciplinary study with connections to many disciplines.

TOP 5 REASONS to study LINGUISTICS

- 1 Knowledge of the nature of language and communication is increasingly important in the job market.
- 2 Linguistics is a highly interdisciplinary study with connections to Philosophy, Psychology, and Health Studies.
- 3 Interact closely with professors in class and during many events held throughout the year.
- 4 Students will gain strong analytical and abstract thinking skills, appreciated in a wide range of careers.
- 5 Linguistic training is valuable for studying and learning languages.

Alumni Story

"It was easy to get to know my professors and take on responsibilities that might fall to grad students elsewhere."

-Gretchen McCulloch, BAH '11

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

5% of alumni work in **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & CONSULTING**

8% of alumni work in **BANKING & INVESTMENT**

10% of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT**

40% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

add a **CERTIFICATE**

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

French for Professionals

Geographic Information Science

Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

[QUartsci.com/certs](https://quartsci.com/certs)

2023-24 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the [Experiential Learning website](#). You can also reach out to the team directly at asc.el@queensu.ca.

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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Linguistics MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MINOR



1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD YEAR

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year you start with LING 100: Introduction to Linguistics. Pick up beginner language courses for the language requirement - choose from 14 languages at Queen's!

Attend [Majors Night](#) in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

Visit [SASS \(Student Academic Support Services\)](#) and the Writing Centre for some help.

Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take [ASCX 150](#) and develop future-ready skills!

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as [Best Buddies](#), [Queen's Students for Literacy](#), or [Queen's Health Outreach](#).

See the [AMS Clubs Directory](#) or the [Queen's Get Involved](#) page for more ideas. Join [English Conversation Program \(QUIC\)](#).

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations like the [Providence Care Volunteer Club](#) or [Teachers of English as a Second Language in Kingston and Area](#).

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Take LLCU 111: Introduction to Cultures. Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's [Intercultural Awareness Certificate](#). Research possible immigration regulations.

Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to [Majors Night](#) or get some help exploring career options from Career Services.

Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing, and more with [Student Academic Success Services](#).

Take LING 202 and a few other core courses: LING 310, LING 320, LING 330, and LING 340. Consider doing a minor and/or certificate such as [Media Studies](#). Learn more about [Certificates](#) and [Internship](#) options.

Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the [Dean's Changemaker Challenge \(ASCX 200/300\)](#).

Take more responsibility within different clubs. Think about applying to positions in student services or the [AMS](#). Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through [SWEP](#) or [Work-Study](#). Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the [Queen's Innovation Centre Summer Initiative \(QICSI\)](#).

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Go to cultural events such as LLCU Film Nights, Language Clubs, guest lectures, and [Four Directions Indigenous Centre programming](#). Connect with the [Canadian Linguistic Association](#). Volunteer with organizations such as [Teachers of English as a Second Language in Kingston and Area](#), or [Kingston Literacy & Skills](#).

Want to immerse yourself in your language of study? Start thinking about where you would like to [study abroad](#). Apply in January for a third year exchange through [the International Programs Office](#).

Explore different careers of interest in the [Career Services Information Area](#). For more information check out [Career Cruising](#) or find and connect with alumni on [LinkedIn](#).

Finish core courses at 300-level. Complete the language requirement and continue taking option courses such LLCU 110 or LLCU 200. Meet with a Department of LLCU [Academic Advisor](#) to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year — for some ideas, see the back page.

If interested, apply for an [Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship \(USSRF\)](#). Consider applying to do a 12-16 month [QUIP internship](#) between your third and fourth year. If interested, apply to be a [Teaching Assistant in Linguistics](#).

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group [Queen's Connects](#).

Consider participating at a conference such as at [Toronto Undergraduate Linguistics Conference](#).

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures (check out the [World Link](#) program) or by practicing or improving your language skills.

Stop by [QUIC](#) for ideas to go abroad, volunteer at QUIC or attend one of their events.

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get [help thinking about Grad School](#) from Career Services.

Complete LING 415/3.0. Ensure you finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

You will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path.

Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take [ASCX 400](#) and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest such as participating in a conference such as [Inquiry@Queen's](#). Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills [workshop](#) for help.

Consider joining professional associations like the [Speech-Language & Audiology Canada](#), or the [Canadian Linguistics Association](#).

Start thinking about work or further studies abroad, such as [North American Language and Culture Assistants](#) in Spain or [Foreign Language Assistant](#) in Germany.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with [job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications](#), or other decisions.

Apply for the [Queen's Career Apprenticeship: Kingston \(QCA:K\)](#).

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

CONSIDER A 12 MONTH QCA:K APPRENTICESHIP

What will I learn?

A degree in Linguistics can equip you with:

- Knowledge of nuances of morphology, syntax, phonetics, phonology, and semantics of English and foreign languages
- Ability to develop and test scientific hypotheses
- Ability to investigate, analyze, critically question and discover testability, falsifiability, and predictability of data,
- Ability to identify, analyze, and evaluate the unfamiliar linguistics data against further data
- Ability to synthesize research findings and construct a readable, well supported research report
- Awareness of rigorous method and attention to detail required in collecting and recording data
- Knowledge on how language influences the way in which we interact with each other and think about the world
- Ability to work in groups
- Resource and time management working on multiple projects

Where can I go?

A degree in Linguistics Studies can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Advertising and Marketing
- Audiology
- Editing
- Information and telecommunication
- Journalism
- Speech and language therapy
- Teaching
- Translation and interpreting

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the [My Major Map](#) tool.

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Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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QUIP QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES
in May, September,
or January

POSITIONS
are paid and
full-time

WORK TERMS
are 12-16 months
long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the [Program Website](#).

Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

We're closer than you think.

