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 fields of study.

REASONS to study LINGUISTICS

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

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

of alumni work in PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & CONSULTING

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

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

QUartsci.com/certs

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

2025-26 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? Check in with your department to learn more about what opportunities and resources are available for you!

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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Linguistics MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS: HONOURS DEGREE (MAJOR/MINOR) OR GENERAL DEGREE



1ST YEAR GET THE In first year you start with the two Introduction to **COURSES** Linguistics courses - LING 101: Words, Sentences, YOU NEED and Meaning, and LING 102: Sounds, Signs, and Perception. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options. Visit SASS (Student Academic Success Services) 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 the English Conversation Program (QUIC).

GET ENGAGED WITH THE **COMMUNITY**

Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations like the Providence Care Volunteer Program or Teachers of English as a Second Language in Kingston and Area.

GET ENGAGED Take LLCU 111: Introduction to Cultures. **GLOBALLY** 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.

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. 340). Consider doing a minor and/or certificate such as Media Studies. Learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

(choose from LING 202, LINGS 205, and LLCU

200) and 300-level (LING 310, LING 330, LING

Start taking core courses at the 200-level

2ND YEAR

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 Founders and Innovators Initiative (QFII).

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 <u>Career Services Information Area</u>. For more information check out **Career Cruising** or find

and connect with alumni on LinkedIn.

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.

3RD YEAR

in Linguistics.

Conference.

Finish core courses at the 200- and 300-levels,

courses such as LLCU 110 and LLCU 200. Meet

with a Department of LLCU Academic Advisor

planned out your courses for next year - for

and continue taking option courses such

requirement and continue taking option

to make sure you are on track and have

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**

Do targeted networking with alumni working in

Build your intercultural competence by getting

Stop by **QUIC** for ideas to go abroad, volunteer

involved with other cultures (check out the

World Link program) or by practicing or

at QUIC or attend one of their events.

improving your language skills.

Consider participating at a conference such

as at Toronto Undergraduate Linguistics

careers of interest through LinkedIn.

as LLCU 370. Complete the language

some ideas, see the back page.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

Complete LING 415, and take at least one other LING course at the 400-level or above. 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.

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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

Find impactful work that aligns with your values using the Queen's Career Guide to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Knowledge & Workplace Skills

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 unfamiliar language
- 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

Career Possibilities

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

Exploring 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

GET CAREER

READY

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.

Linguistics



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 <u>Student Affairs</u> website for available resources.



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are paid and full-time

WORK TERMS

are 12-16 months long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with "Professional Internship" on your degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry
- Explore a career path, earn a salary, and build workplace skills

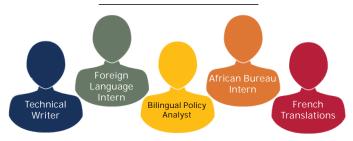
ELIGIBILITY

- Complete 1st year before you register
- Complete 2nd or 3rd year before your internship
- Minimum GPA of 1.9
- Return to Queen's after your internship to finish your degree

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?

Since 1841, 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

h Ne're closer than you think 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 CANADA Oueen's have the experience of Beijing / 15 hrs a lifetime at Queen's Dubai / 14 hrs - and graduate Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree that is globally Halifax / 2 hrs San Francisco / 5.5 hrs Kingston recognized Denver / 3 hrs among New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED the best. STATES Atlanta / 2 hrs Bermuda / 2 hrs