

# 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.

## 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

## TOP ALUMNI JOBS

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CERTIFICATE

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

Data Analytics  
Disability and  
Physical Activity

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

Employment  
Relations

10% of alumni work in  
**GOVERNMENT**

Geographic  
Information Science

40% of alumni work in  
**EDUCATION**

Indigenous  
Languages and  
Cultures

Sexual and Gender  
Diversity

Urban Planning  
Studies

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## 2025-26 Plan Thresholds

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# Linguistics MAJOR MAP

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



## 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 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

## 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

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 "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

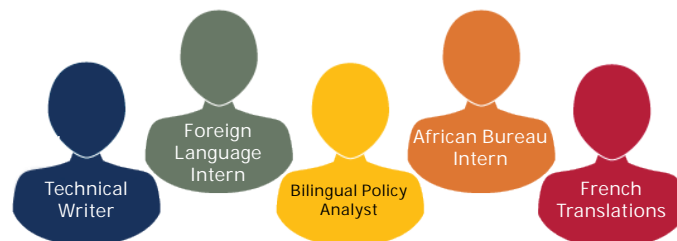
### ELIGIBILITY

- 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



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