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 and 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.

“IT was easy to get to know my professors and take responsibilities that might fall to grad students elsewhere.”

-Gretchen McCulloch, BAH ’11

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

Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

Take LING 202 and a few other core courses: LING 310, LING 320, LING 330, and LING 340, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Media Studies. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

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Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC). Go to cultural events such as LLCU Film Nights, Language Clubs, guest lectures and Four Directions programming. Volunteering with organizations such as Teachers of English as a Second Language, or Kingston and District, 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 by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers for Culture Lovers. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

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Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!
Finish core courses at 300-level. Complete the language requirement and continue taking option courses such as LLCU 110 or LLCU 200. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year — some ideas, see the back page.

Complete LING 415/3.0 and remaining option courses. You will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

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, 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:
• Audiology
• Editing
• Information and telecommunication
• Journalism
• Speech and language therapy
• Teaching
• Translation and interpreting
• Advertising and Marketing
Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

Consider a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
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 Canadian Association of Speech-Pathologist and Audiologists, or 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.

Stop by QUIC for ideas to go abroad, volunteer at IC or attend one of their events.

Immediate networking with alumni working in areas of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects.

Consider participating at a conference such as at McGill’s Canadian Conference for Linguistics graduates.

Id your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

WHAT YEAR

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

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The coronavirus pandemic may impact how some activities are delivered in 2021-2022. Please check directly with the host of any activities on the map for the latest information.

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.
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MAJOR MAP

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.

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.

Queens’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.
- 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

- Planning Logistics Intern
- Communications & Market Research Intern
- Resource Generation Technician
- Course & Program Development Intern
- Technical Writer
- Economic Analyst

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

Why study in Kingston?

For over 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.