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

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.

That is a degree from Queen's.
queensu.ca/llcu
2ND 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 Nights 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 Preps or Queen’s Volunteers 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 Student Care Volunteer Club or Teachers of English as a Second Language in Kingston and Area.

GET THINKING GLOBALY
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
Grapple with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help exploring career options from Career Services.
Build your transferrable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing, and more with Student Academic Support Services.

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.

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 linguistic 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
- Resources 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 to continue their academic inquiry in the following areas:

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

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

LINGUISTICS MAJOR MAP
BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MINOR

2023-2024
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.

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.