Linguistics

START DATES
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

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

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 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.

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.

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 lowest student-faculty ratios in Canada, and a city with more restaurants and clubs per capita than any other university 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.

Qualitative study
We're closer than you think

That is a degree from Queen’s.
**Linguistics MAJOR MAP**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MINOR**

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**1ST YEAR**

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 **Major Night** in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

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**2ND YEAR**

Take LING 202 and a few other core courses: LING 318, LING 320, LING 330, and LING 340, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Media Studies.

Attend **Degree Night**, in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

Visit **SASS (Student Academic Support Services)** and the Writing Centre for some help.

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**3RD YEAR**

Finish core courses at 300-level. Complete the language requirement and continue taking option courses such as LCLU 110 or LCLU 200. Meet with an **Academic Advisor** to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year—fore more ideas, see the back page.

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**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

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).

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**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

**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 Language Support Volunteer Program (QUIC)**.

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**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Volunteer on and off-campus with different community organizations like the **Providence Care Volunteer Club** or **Teachers of English as a Second Language, Kingston and District**.

Get involved with the **Departmental Student Council (DSC)**. Go to cultural events such as LCLU 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 Association**.

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**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**, and research possible immigration regulations.

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

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**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

Grapple with program decisions! Go to **Majors Night** or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with **Student Academic Success Services**.

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 Compass** or by finding and connecting with us at **QUIC**.

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**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

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**Where can I go?**

A degree in Linguistics 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.