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.

**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 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

**2020-21 major thresholds**

- 2.6 cGPA AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE min 8 in LING 100
- 1.7 cGPA PENDING LIST

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

**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

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That is a degree from Queen’s.

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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.

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).

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

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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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 Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).

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.

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career 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 Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on Linkedin.

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

Find and connect with alumni on LinkedIn.

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

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.

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.

* 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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