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.
# Linguistics Major Map

## 1st Year
- **Get the Courses You Need**: In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Linguistics along with some electives. See the back page for specific courses to consider.
- **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).
- **Get Connected With the Community**: Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations like the **Providence Care Volunteer Club** or **Teachers of English as a Second Language, Kingston and District**.
- **Get Thinking Globally**: Take ** LLCU 111: Introduction to Cultures**. Prepare for work or study in a multi-cultural environment by taking **QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate**, and 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**: Grappling with program decisions? Go to **Majors Night** or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services. Build your transferrable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with **Student Academic Success Services**.

## 2nd Year
- **Get the Courses You Need**: Start going deeper into the discipline of Linguistics, 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.
- **Get Relevant Experience**: 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 **SWPR or Work Study**. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities via programs like the Queen’s Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICS). Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group **Queen’s Connects**.
- **Get Connected With the Community**: 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**.
- **Get Thinking Globally**: 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. For more information check out **Career Counselling** or by finding and connecting with **alumni on LinkedIn**.
- **Get Ready for Life After Graduation**: 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 Counselling** or by finding and connecting with **alumni on LinkedIn**.

## 3rd Year
- **Get the Courses You Need**: A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Linguistics. Meet with an **Academic Advisor** to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year — for some ideas, see the back page.
- **Get Relevant Experience**: If interested, apply for an **Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USRF)**. Consider applying to do a 12-16 month **QUIP internship** between your third and fourth year. If interested, apply to be a **Teaching Assistant in Linguistics**.
- **Get Connected With the Community**: Consider participating at a conference such as at **Toronto Undergraduate Linguistics Conference** or **McGill’s Canadian Conference for Linguistics Undergraduates**.
- **Get Thinking Globally**: Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills. Stop by **QUIC** for ideas to go abroad, volunteer at **QUIC** or attend one of their events.
- **Get Ready for Life After Graduation**: Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GRE) and get help thinking about **Grad School** from Career Services.

## 4th or Final Year
- **Get the Courses You Need**: In fourth year 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).
- **Get Relevant Experience**: 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.
- **Get Connected With the Community**: Consider joining professional associations like the **Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists**, or **Canadian Linguistics Association**.
- **Get Thinking Globally**: Start thinking about work or further studies abroad, such as **North American Language and Culture Assistants** in Spain or **Foreign Language Assistant** in Germany.
- **Get Ready for Life After Graduation**: Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with **Job searching** or **Grad School applications**, or other decisions.

### What Will I Learn?
A degree in Linguistics can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:
- 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:
- **Translation and interpreting**
- **Teaching**
- **Information and telecommunication**
- **Journalism**
- **Speech and language therapy**
- **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.