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.

Knowledge of the nature of language and communication is increasingly important in the job market. Linguistics is a highly interdisciplinary study with connections to Philosophy, Psychology, and Health Studies. Interact closely with professors in class and during many events held throughout the year. Students will gain strong analytical and abstract thinking skills, appreciated in a wide range of careers. Linguistic training is valuable for studying and learning languages.

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

- Gretchen McCulloch, BAH ’11

2018–19 thresholds

2.6 cGPA AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE

1.7 cGPA PENDING LIST

*Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit Queens.ca/llcu
Linguistics Major Map

1st Year
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. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about plan options.

2nd Year
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. Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

3rd Year
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.

4th or Final Year
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).

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 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.