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

**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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GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

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).

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 an 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 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 District, Kingston Literacy & Skills.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY
Take LLCU 111: Introduction to Cultures. Prepare for work or studies 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 transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

C O N S I D E R A 1 2 - 1 6 M O N T H Q U I P I N T E R N S H I P

Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Association of Speech-Pathologist and Audiologists, or Canadian Linguistics Association.

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.

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:
• 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.
Sample Year by Year

1ST YEAR
- LING 100/6.0
- 24.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- LING 202/3.0
- 15.0 units from LING, LANG_Languages, LING_MAJ_Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- LING 310/3.0
- LING 320/3.0
- LING 330/3.0
- LING 340/3.0
- 6.0 units from LING, LANG_Languages, LING_MAJ_Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

4TH YEAR
- LING 415/3.0
- 15.0 units from LING Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: QUartsci.com/academic-calendar