BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) LINGUISTICS

How does language work in the brain? How is language acquired? How can endangered languages be sustained? Delve into these questions and more in Linguistics, the scientific study of human language. Studying linguistics provides insight into our ability to communicate and how language influences human behaviour and impacts society.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A LINGUISTICS DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... linguistic consultant, technical writer, lexicographer, journalist, publisher, policy analyst, data analyst, speech and language technician, international education co-ordinator, marketing and communications co-ordinator.

TRAIN TO BE A... speech pathologist, ESL teacher, researcher, audiologist, psychologist.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY LINGUISTICS

1. Learn how language is structured, how it is acquired, and how it is processed by the mind and brain.
2. Learn how speech works and how computers can be trained to talk and understand it.
3. Collaborate with Indigenous and minority language communities in Canada and around the world to document, sustain, and revitalize endangered languages.
4. Acquire skills for developing language technology for instruction, learning, documentation, and revitalization.
5. Join one of our many labs and engage in theoretical, experimental, or applied research.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:

CONNECT TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:
Arts Work Experience, Community Service-Learning, Study Abroad.

OFFERS COURSES IN...
- Sounds of language
- Structure of words
- Physics of speech
- Structure of sentences
- Language learning
- Language in the brain
- Language in society
- Language documentation
- Language revitalization
- Body language

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. Design your academic plan — you’re in control!

A MAJOR IN LINGUISTICS:
Students wishing to major in Linguistics must complete one course at the 300-level and two courses at the 400- or 500-level to fulfill the Faculty and departmental requirements. Students majoring in Linguistics must include the following courses in their program:
- LING 101 - Intro to Linguistic Analysis
- LING 102 - Linguistics in Action
- LING 204 - Syntax of the World’s Languages
- LING 205 - Phonetics
- LING 308 - Morphology
- LING 309 - Syntax
- LING 310 - Phonology
- One course at the 300-level
- Two courses at the 400- or 500-level

To verify your Major and BA Common Requirements, check the University Calendar and speak to an advisor.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.
- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility Resources
- Financial Aid & Awards
- Professional & Career Development
- Mental Health Supports

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

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Test your career options: volunteer on or off campus, or with one of our many labs.

Get an inside look at different careers in the Job Shadow Week program.

Add a Certificate in International Learning to your degree!

Explore courses in Linguistics and other subjects!

Join a student group on campus, such as the Undergraduate Linguistics Association.

Get involved with one of the cultural clubs on campus or volunteer with University of Alberta International.

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.

Add research or creative activities to your degree with the Undergraduate Research Initiative, or apply into BA Honors!

Apply to Arts Work Experience and gain full-time, paid work experience.

Study abroad and receive guaranteed credit in Cortona or e3 Programs.

Ready to toss your cap in the air? Apply to graduate!

Ask professors to be academic references.

Let the Career Centre support your job search with career advising, resume/cover letter reviews, and networking events!

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!