

# LINGUISTICS (HBA)

## Department of Language Studies

**Linguistics** is the scientific study of language. It seeks to understand how is language acquired; what the processes and challenges are of learning two or more languages; how linguistic and social interpretation are essential to the creation of meaning; as well as how individual circumstances impact the use of language. Linguistics offers students extensive knowledge and skills: an understanding of the structure and functions of language, through experimental, theoretical, and socially-informed approaches; insight into how to use language appropriately, by studying the practical aspects of English grammar and by exploring the social value of linguistic structures; experience with the hands-on study of linguistic data, through specific courses in experimental linguistics, as well as through opportunities to be involved in faculty research projects.

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started. As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using [My Program Plan](#) found at [www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans).

### Programs of Study (POSt)

- Major Program ERMAJ1850 Linguistic Studies (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN0506 Linguistic Studies (Arts)

### Check out...

How are children able to learn more than one language at a time? Take LIN358H5 to examine the bilingual brain, the nature of input and age constraints on language acquisition. Curious about cross-cultural communication? In LIN486H5 you'll examine the cross-cultural language use by second language learners.

### What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

**Careers for Graduates:** A degree in linguistics can prepare you for a career in speech language processing, audiology, computer programming, speech and text analysis, artificial intelligence, voice coaching, teaching, publishing, lexicography, national security, international affairs, forensics, medicine and technology, law, developmental psychology, anthropology, philosophy.

**Workplaces:** Hospitals; Speech language pathology and audiology businesses; Government; Publishing houses; Newspapers/magazines; Language schools; Acting schools and theatre; Media; Elementary/middle/high schools; Colleges; Universities; Law firms.



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## MAJOR Program Plan

## HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.  
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	1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR	3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in courses LIN101H5 and 102H5 (or LIN100Y5). Attain 1.0 credits in a language course.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the <b>Degree Explorer Planner</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Start strong and get informed with <b>utmONE</b> and <b>LAUNCH</b> through the Office of Student Transition. Join a <b>RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group</b>.</p>	<p>Enrol in courses LIN228H5, 229H5, 231H5/ 247H5, 232H5, and 256H5/ 258H5.</p> <p>Consider applying for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses LIN299Y and LIN399Y. Visit the EEO website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC's <b>P.A.R.T.</b> to enhance your research skills.</p>	<p>Enrol in one course from three of the four following categories for a total of 1.5 credits: Language acquisition; Teaching and Learning; Language contact and change; and Linguistic theory. View the <b>Academic Calendar</b> for course options.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.</li> <li>• see the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>Language Studies Undergraduate Counsellor</b>.</li> </ul>	<p>Attain 2.0 additional credits at the 300/400 level from an extensive list in the <b>Academic Calendar</b>. Attain a minimum of 0.5 credits at the 400 level.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the <b>Co-Curricular Record (CCR)</b>. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Get Experience Fair</b> through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Use the <b>Career Learning Network (CLN)</b> to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the <b>Work-Study program</b>. View position descriptions on the CLN.</p>	<p>Explore your interests. Are you interested in engaging with various Traditional Aboriginal cultures? Take part in <b>the Waawaahate Northern Lights Initiative</b> through the Centre for Student Engagement.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your presentation skills? Consider a role as a <b>RGASC Facilitated Study Group Leader</b>.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the <b>Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)</b>. Follow them on Facebook @utmLSAS.</p> <p>Go to the <b>LSAS Meet and Greet</b>. Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b>.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you really like or connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b> available through the Experiential Education Office (EEO).</p>	<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Check out workshops and events hosted by the Languages Department. Visit their <b>News &amp; Events</b> page.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA)</b> and the <b>Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics</b>.</p> <p>Go to the <b>Toronto Undergraduate Linguistic Conference</b> and <b>CLA's Conference</b> as part of the <b>Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences</b>.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Attend events held by the <b>International Education Centre (IEC)</b> to explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.</p>	<p>Embark on a <b>UTM Abroad Co-Curricular Experience</b> to Bangkok through the IEC. Travel with a faculty member and learn about one of Thailand's most successful community-based tourism initiatives.</p> <p>Prefer traveling in Canada? Check out the IEC's <b>UTM Across Canada</b> program.</p>	<p>Earn credits overseas! Study for a summer, term or year at one of 120 universities including the University of Edinburgh and the University of Melbourne. Speak to the <b>IEC</b> for details about <b>Course Based Exchange</b> and funding.</p>	<p>Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through <b>GoinGlobal</b>. Attend the <b>Go Global Expo</b>. See if you are eligible for <b>International Experience Canada</b>.</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Attend the <b>Program Selection &amp; Career Options</b> workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out <b>Careers by Major</b> at the CC to see potential career options.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's <b>Extern Job Shadowing Program</b>.</p> <p>Considering <b>further education</b>? Attend the CC's <b>Graduate and Professionals School Fair</b>. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.</p>	<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a <b>CC Career Counselling appointment</b>. Create a job search strategy — book a <b>CC Employment Advising appointment</b>.</p> <p>Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).</p>	<p>Market your skills to employers. Get your <b>resume critiqued</b> at the CC. Attend the CC workshop <b>Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</b></p> <p>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's <b>Mastering the Personal Statement</b> workshop.</p>

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\*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

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## Skills developed in Linguistics

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills.

**Technical:** knowledge of language use and language faculty; understanding of how humans process and produce language; and understanding of language variation and change.

**Research:** conduct hands-on study of linguistic data related to theoretical and experimental linguistics; apply methodologies from many disciplines; and detail-oriented.

**Analytical:** analyze and interpret various kinds of quantitative and qualitative information as well as critical thinking.

**Communication & interpersonal:** proficiency in critical reading and writing and oral expression; knowledge of how language is used in social contexts; knowledge of the structure of at least one other language besides English.

## Get involved

Check out student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit [www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs).

## Services that support you

- AccessAbility Resource Centre (AARC)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Experiential Education Office (EEO)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Office of Student Transition (OST)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)

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## FUTURE STUDENTS

### Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at [utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook](http://utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook).

**NOTE:** During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

### Sneak Peek

Investigate phonetics in LIN228H5! You'll discover what sounds are most commonly used in languages and learn to recognize and produce them. Curious about sociolinguistics? Take LIN256H5 and get introduced! You'll study the social implications of linguistic variation.

Undergraduate linguistics is an essential component of a liberal education because any academic discipline that considers human nature -- anthropology, communication, literature, language studies, neuroscience, philosophy, psychology, teaching and learning, among others -- must have something to say about the nature of language, how it works, and how it is used.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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