LINGUISTICS (HBA)

Department of Language Studies

Linguistics is the scientific study of language, a broad field encompassing topics such as the internal structure of language, how infants and adults learn and process language(s), how language is used to express identity and interact with one another, and commonalities and differences among languages of the world. Our programs in Linguistics provide a strong foundation in the core aspects of language structure: sounds (phonetics and phonology), words (morphology), sentences (syntax), and meaning (semantics), as well as the social functions of language (sociolinguistics) and language processing (psycholinguistics). Upper-year courses allow students to apply their foundational knowledge to deeper research in these areas and others, including how language changes over time, language documentation, how people use language in context, close study of the structure of specific language(s), and how languages are learned and taught. Students also have the opportunity to learn skills directly applicable to careers in language technology, speech-language pathology, second language teaching, and outreach/community work.

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, although there are many more! 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**

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Major Program ERMAJ1850 Linguistic Studies (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN0506 Linguistic Studies (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1200 English Language Linguistics (Arts)

Check out...

Want to know more about the theories and tools used in language technology? Our **Certificate in Computational Linguistics** provides background in the theoretical and practical aspects of the intersection of Linguistics and the Computing Sciences.

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.
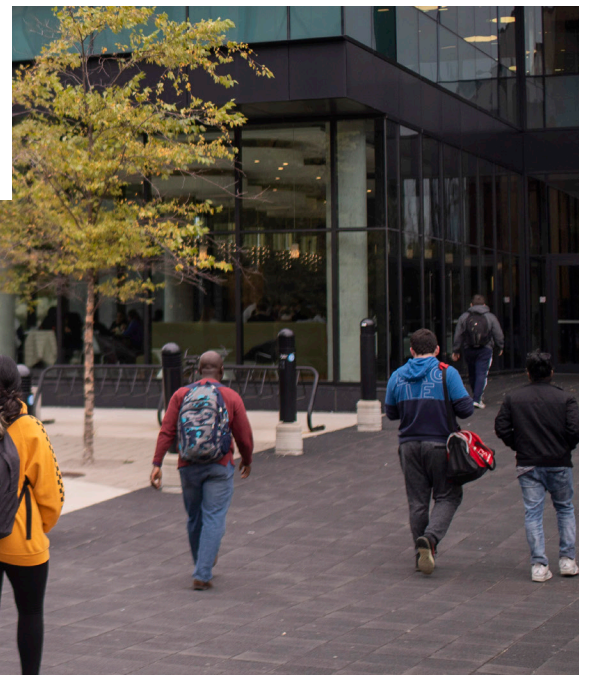
Careers and workplaces for graduates:

Language Technology: artificial intelligence, speech recognition, natural language processing.

Clinical: Speech-language pathology, audiology.

Pedagogy: Language teaching, assessment design, educational research.

Language documentation and revitalization: Work with communities to document languages; help to establish literacy or language training programs.

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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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	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	Begin with a solid introduction to linguistics. Enrol in courses LIN101H5 and LIN102H5. Choose a program of study (Subject POSt) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the **Degree Explorer** and the **Academic Calendar** to plan your degree. Develop academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a **utmONE** First-Year Foundations Course. Build community and gain academic support through **LAUNCH**. Join a RGASC **Peer Facilitated Study Group**.	Build a solid foundation of knowledge and skills. Enrol in core courses, including LIN228H5, LIN229H5, LIN231H5, LIN232H5, LIN237H5, LIN240H5, LIN256H5, and JLP285H5. Consider applying for **Research Opportunity Program (ROP)** courses LIN299H5 or LIN299Y5. Visit the EEU website for **ROP Course Prerequisites**. Attend the RGASC's **Program for Accessing Research Training (PART)** to enhance your research skills.	Broaden and apply skills learned in core courses, and learn different methodologies through upper-level courses in at least three of the nine different areas listed on the **Academic Calendar.** Throughout your undergraduate degree: • use the **Degree Explorer** to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. • see the **Office of the Registrar** and the **Language Studies Academic Advisor**.	Deepen your interests, engage in research, and communicate your knowledge. Attain 1.5 additional credits at the 300/400 level from an extensive list in the Academic Calendar. Ataiin a minim of 0.5 credits at the 400 leve. Consider applying for an upper-level Research Opportunity Program (ROP) course LIN388H5/Y5, or an independent research course LIN495H5/LIN496H5. Log on to ACORN and request graduation.
BUILD SKILLS	Use the **Co-Curricular Record (CCR)**. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments. Attend the **Get Hired Fair** through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities. Attend the **Experiential Education Fair.**	If interested in acquiring skills in language technology, enrol in LIN240H5, which will put you on track for the **Certificate in Computational Linguistics.**	Use the **Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)** to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities. Work on-campus through the **Work-Study program**. View position descriptions on the CLNx.	Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your presentation skills? Consider taking EDS325H5 which allows you to earn a course credit in addition to a placement opportunity as a RGASC **Facilitated Study Group Leader**.
BUILD A NETWORK	Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships. Start by joining the **Linguistics League**. Follow them on Facebook and Twitter: @UTMLL or join the **Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)**. Follow them on Facebook @utmLSAS. Attend the **Linguistics League** and the LSAS Meet and Greet gatherings. Visit the UTM Library **Reference Desk**.	Do you have a professor you would like to connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn **Tips On How to Approach a Professor** available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).	Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn). Check out workshops and events hosted by the Department of Language Studies. Visit their **News & Events** page.	Join a professional association. Check out the **Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA)** and the **Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics**. Attend the **Toronto Undergraduate Linguistic Conference** and **CLA's Conference**.
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	Engage with the many programs offered by the **International Education Centre (IEC)**, whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the **Canada Eh?** day trips or **English Language Conversation Circles** to deepen your global mindset. First-year international students can also take advantage of **THRIVE-IN**, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.	Participate in **International Education Week** and engage in programs like **Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS)** to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship. Learn about and prepare for a future **UTM Abroad Experience** through the IEC to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set, and learn about other cultures while sharing your own!	Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics, personal growth and are highly sought out by employers. **Earn credits overseas!** Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about **Outbound Exchange**, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!	Engage in programs like **ISTEP** and **THRIVE-OUT** to support your transition out of the University!
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	Start by exploring the **UTM Career Centre Model**—a chance to reflect and choose what's right for you with guided support. Access **MyCareerCentre** 24/7 for flexible, interactive career learning at your own pace. Connect with support in-person: Drop-in to an **Academic & Career Planning Session** to chat with Advisors and Career Counsellors. Visit the Career Corner in the **Student Services Hub** to chat with a Peer Career Assistant about resources that fit your goals.	Explore your options with the CC's **Job Shadow Program**, **In the Field**, or a one-on-one with a **Career Counsellor**. Thinking about grad school? Attend the **Graduate & Professional School Fair**, research application requirements, admission tests, and explore funding options. Getting ready for work? Join workshops, drop-ins, and networking events to build experience and confidently share your skills – Register on **CLNx**.	Need job search support? Book a coaching appointment with an **Employment Strategist** for personalized guidance. Ready to take the next step for grad school, visit the Pursue Learning section on **MyCareerCentre** and drop-in to chat with a **Career Counsellor** about grad school prep tips. Want to grow your network? Attend the Career Centre Networking Series and Let's Talk About events — Register on **CLNx**.	Join the **Now That I'm Graduating, What's Next?** session to start building your job search plan. Attend the **Sweats to Suits Job Search Conference** and discover diverse career pathways. Work with the **Employment Strategist** team to review your resume and prep for interviews. Still figuring things out? Meet with a **Career Counsellor** to create a career plan and attend a **Career Wellness** session to support your well-being along the way.

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

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Skills developed in Linguistics

Knowledge of linguistic structure and how language is used in society is directly relevant to careers in clinical fields, language technology, language pedagogy, and language-related community or outreach work. In addition, courses in Linguistics programs develop the following skills that are transferable to many other career paths. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market these skills to future employers.

Technical: knowledge of the abstract structures of language; cross-language similarities and differences; how humans learn, produce, and process language; how languages change and vary.

Research: working with written and spoken language data; collecting data via elicitation, experimental methods, or corpus research.

Analytical: qualitative and quantitative data analysis techniques; critical thinking and logical argumentation; applying knowledge of language to applied fields.

Communication and interpersonal: knowledge of how language is modulated n different social contexts; communicating complex information to a variety of audiences; awareness of and respect for linguistic and cultural diversity.

Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- UTM Linguistic League (UTMLL)
- Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit the

Student Groups and Societies Directory

Services that support you

- **Accessibility Services (AS)**
- **Career Centre (CC)**
- **Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)**
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)**
- **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**
- **Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)**
- **International Education Centre (IEC)**
- **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**.

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

Interested in exploring careers in Speech-language pathology? Take Phonetics (LIN228H5) to learn about the sounds of languages, and Language, Mind, and Brain (JLP285) to learn about language development and how the human mind processes language input.

Want to get a job in Language Technology? Learn the fundamentals in Computer Programming for Linguists (LIN240H5), the first step towards a Certificate in Computational Linguistics.

Want to learn how we use language to express our identity, and how language is used to both maintain and break down power structures in society? Take Language and Society (JAL253H5) then take Public Communication in Linguistics (LIN352H5) to get hands-on experience communicating your knowledge to different types of audiences.

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