**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.

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**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](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans).

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**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...**

How are children able to learn more than one language at a time? Take LIN388H5 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.
**Linguistics Major Program Plan**

**1st Year**
- Enrol in courses LIN101H5 and 102H5 (or LIN100Y5).
- Choose a program of study (Subject POS) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.
- Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE). Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.

**2nd Year**
- Consider applying for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses LIN299Y5 and LIN399Y5. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s Program for Accessing Research Training (P.A.R.T.) to enhance your research skills.

**3rd Year**
- Enroll in one course from three of the six categories listed in the Academic Calendar for a total of 1.5 credits.
- Throughout your undergraduate degree:
  - use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
  - use the Office of the Registrar and the Language Studies Undergraduate Counselor.
- Explore your interests. Are you into promoting mindfulness and building community? Investigate the UTM Library Ambassador Program.

**4th OR Final Year**
- Attain 2.0 additional credits at the 300/400 level from an extensive list in the Academic Calendar. Attain a minimum of 0.5 credits at the 400 level.
- Log on to ACORN and request graduation.

**Plan Your Academics**
- Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.
- Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.

**Build Skills**
- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS). Follow them on Facebook #utmLSAS.
- Go to the LSAS Meet and Greet. Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.
- 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 Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).

**Build a Network**
- Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore your culture and other cultures through weekly/monthly conversations, Language Conversation Circles, debates, and activities to enhance your global and intercultural mindset.
- Engage in programs like the Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS) or learn about and prepare for a future UTM Abroad Experience through the IEC to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set. Use these skills to share your own culture and learn about other cultures while sharing your own!
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- Explore careers through the CC’s Job Shadowing Program.
  - Considering further education? Attend the CC’s Graduate and Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors — they are potential mentors and references.
  - Visit the UTM Library to learn about other cultures while sharing your own!
- Earn credits overseas! Apply to study for a summer, term or year at one of 140+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange, funding and travel safety.
- Explore the option of a Global and Intercultural Engagement Program (GIEP) to gain intercultural and language skills.
- Learn about working abroad. Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoinGlobal. Attend the Go Global Expo. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.

**Plan for Your Future**
- Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.
- Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.
- What’s your next step after undergrad?
  - Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I’m Graduating What’s Next?
  - Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC’s Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.

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

**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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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 the 100+ 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.

Services that support you

- Accessibility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Experiential Education Unit (EEU)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- 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

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.

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