

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN LINGUISTICS?

WHAT IS LINGUISTICS? Linguistics is the scientific study of language. *Linguists* (experts in linguistics) work on specific languages, but their primary goal is to understand the nature of language in general. Since language is universal and fundamental to all human interactions, the knowledge attained in linguistics has many practical applications.

WHY MAJOR IN IT? The undergraduate degree program in Linguistics provides students with at least two general types of skills that are applicable to a broad range of career fields: general organizational and analytical skills, and facility in analyzing linguistic data, regardless of specific language. Linguistics, like other sciences, develops logical thinking skills and ways to “formalize” one’s claims. Linguistics majors prepare students for jobs where general knowledge about language, “logical thinking,” and/or knowledge and skill in one or more specific languages are useful.

CAREER PATHS: GENERAL AREAS & INDUSTRIES

Depending on what direction you take your career, you will likely want to continue to grow, develop, and enhance your education. This can include more formal education, like a master’s degree or doctorate, or it can come from certification and training by recognized organizations. Outside of the classroom experience is imperative for your career and professional development. Whether it is through an internship, RAship, a work-study job or a volunteer opportunity, gaining practical experience will make you a competitive candidate for a graduate school or in the job market.

EDUCATION	LANGUAGE
Teacher, Professor, Education Researcher, Education Administrator, Language or Speech Therapist	Foreign Language Teacher, Interpreter, Translator, Customs Adviser, Interviewer, Speech Pathologist
COMMUNICATIONS	BUSINESS
Marketing Coordinator or Researcher, Advertising Consultant, Communications Manager, Journalist, Librarian	International Business, Accountant, Business Consultant, Industrial Relations Advisor, Market Analyst
PSYCHOLOGY	COMPUTER SCIENCE
Researcher, Professor, Guidance Counsellor, Psychologist, Human Resources Manager	Computer Programmer, Systems Analyst, Information Specialist, Software Developer, Computational Linguist
SOCIAL SCIENCE AND LAW	HUMANITIES
Forensic Linguist, Immigration Law, International Business Law, Legal Drafter, Employment Adviser, Social Worker	Author, Editor, Professor, Policy Analyst, Archivist, Critic, Researcher

LINGUISTICS ALUMNI OCCUPATIONS & JOB TITLES

- ◆ Developer Relations @ Apple, Inc.
- ◆ Digital Marketing @ Disney
- ◆ Marketing Consultant @ Conceptual
- ◆ Speech Language Pathologist
- ◆ Professor or Researcher at major universities
- ◆ Computational Linguist @ SoundHound, Apple, Google
- ◆ CEO @ Evalx
- ◆ Software Engineer @ Factual
- ◆ High School Language Teacher
- ◆ Immigration Counselor

CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

When you know your strengths and interests, you can target the industries and positions that best match your skills and personality. There are different phases in the career development process, each of which you may visit at multiple points throughout your life. They may occur in any order, but it is important to start by knowing yourself:



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TRANSFERABLE SKILLS GAINED AS A LINGUISTICS MAJOR:

- ◆ **Written & Verbal Communication**
- ◆ **Analytical Skills**
- ◆ **Critical Thinking**
- ◆ **Research Skills**
- ◆ **Cross-Cultural Skills**
- ◆ **Problem-Solving**
- ◆ **Organizational Skills**
- ◆ **Data Analysis**

DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT & CAMPUS RESOURCES

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR	UCLA CAREER CENTER	UCLA HANDSHAKE
<p>Leigh Bagood leigh@humnet.ucla.edu Campbell Hall 3126C</p>	<p>Help students clarify professional interests through career exploration and provides students with the knowledge, skills, resources, and experience necessary to pursue professional goals with confidence and self-assurance.</p> <p>career.ucla.edu 501 Westwood Plaza Strathmore Building North Entrance, 2nd & 3rd Floors</p>	<p>The UCLA Career Center's online platform that connects students with job & internship opportunities, career exploration resources, events calendar, and making appointments career counselors!</p> <p>ucla.joinhandshake.com</p>
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<p>Dr. Megha Sundara megha.sundara@humnet.ucla.edu Campbell Hall 2101S</p>		<p>Search for jobs & internships, seek alumni & mentors, and connect with other Bruins.</p> <p>alumni.ucla.edu/ucla-one</p>

MORE INTERNSHIP & JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

- ◆ [linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com)
- ◆ [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com)
- ◆ [higheredjobs.com](https://www.higheredjobs.com)
- ◆ [usajobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov)
- ◆ [linguistlist.org](https://www.linguistlist.org)
- ◆ [teachcalifornia.org](https://www.teachcalifornia.org)
- ◆ [K12jobs.com](https://www.k12jobs.com)
- ◆ [academic360.com](https://www.academic360.com)
- ◆ [mediabistro.com/joblistings](https://www.mediabistro.com/joblistings)
- ◆ [efinancialcareers.com](https://www.efinancialcareers.com)
- ◆ [marketingjobs.com](https://www.marketingjobs.com)
- ◆ [lawjobs.com](https://www.lawjobs.com)

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