

What can I do with a major in “Linguistics”?

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Linguistics

Linguistics is an interdisciplinary program whose curriculum offers students the opportunity to learn about the many different ways that human language can be studied. Linguistics investigates the systematic structural properties of languages to determine similarities and differences among languages. Linguistics also investigates the sociological pressures on language use and the ways in which these pressures are reflected in language variation and change. Moreover, linguistics examines the psychological processes by which languages are learned and the way mature language users produce and interpret linguistic expressions. Students with extensive computer training, linguistics may offer them an edge for jobs in the expanding field of natural language processing and artificial intelligence.

Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center - <http://www.gci.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)
O*NET - <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)
Occupational Outlook Handbook - <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)
Alberta Occupational Profiles - <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)
Career Insider - powered by the Vault - http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources
*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for additional information or assistance

Possible Job Titles of Linguistics Graduates

(*Jobs secured as reported by UGA Career Center post-graduate survey)

Analyst	Ethnologist	Linguist
Anthropologist	Flight Attendant	Occupational Therapist
Audiologist	Foreign Language Teacher	Production Assistant*
CIA/FBI Special Agent	Foreign News Journalist	Professor of Spanish*
Cognitive Scientist	Foreign Services Worker	Psychologist
Commentator	Instructional Coordinator	Psychometrist
Computer Programmer	Intelligence Specialist	Social Worker
Consultant	Interpreter	Speech Pathologist
Employment Interviewer	Japanese Instructor*	Translator
ESL Instructor	Legislative Librarian Assistant*	Vocational Rehab. Counselor

Possible Employers of Linguistics Graduates

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Advertising Dept/Agencies	Great Eastern Financial Services *	Print Graphix*
Banks	Import / Export Companies	ProCorps*
Bunim Murray Productions*	Investment Firms	Public Relations Firms
Business / Corporations	Ketchum International*	Public Service Organizations
Chambers of Commerce	Kimberly Clark*	Radio and TV Stations
Dade County Public	Linguarama*	Research Firms
Schools*	Lodgian, Inc. *	Schools/Universities
Educational Institutions	Marriott's Chateau Elan*	The University of Georgia*
Embassies	National Archives	Transperfect Translations*
Even Start Family Literacy*	News Bureaus	
Government Agencies	Premiere Technologies*	

Career Center Library Resources

Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types by H. Seelye and J. Day
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Blythe Camenson
Keys to Liberal Arts Success by Figler, Carter, Bishop & Kravits
Liberal Arts Jobs: The guide that turns learning into earning by Burt Nadler
Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers by Wilga Rivers
Directory of American Firms Operating in Foreign Countries
Directory of Foreign Firms Operating in the US

Campus Resources

Department of Linguistics - <http://www.linguistics.uga.edu/resources/index.htm>

Employment Websites

Bi-Lingual Jobs - <http://www.bilingual-jobs.com/>
Center for International Trade and Security - <http://cits.uga.edu/>
Central Intelligence Agency Foreign Language Positions - <https://www.cia.gov/careers/index.html>
Language Jobs - <http://languagejobs.org/>
U.S. Department of State Careers - <http://www.state.gov/careers/>
National Association for Bilingual Education - <http://www.nabe.org/>
Society for French Historical Studies - <http://www.h-france.net/sfhs/sfhshome.html>
U.S. Travel Association - <http://www.ustravel.org/>
The Electronic Embassy: U.S. Foreign Embassies - <http://www.embassy.org/>
The Linguist List of Eastern Michigan University - <http://www.linguistlist.org/jobs/index.html>

Additional Resources

The Association for Computational Linguistics - www.aclweb.org/
Linguistic Society of America - <http://www.lsadc.org/>
American Dialect Society - www.americandialect.org
Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of America - <http://www.ssila.org/>
College Language Association - <http://www.clascholars.org/>
Modern Language Association - <http://www.mla.org/>
American Association for Applied Linguistics - www.aaal.org
American Association of Language Specialists - <http://www.taals.net/>
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages - <http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>
American Translators Association - <http://www.atanet.org/>