

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 that 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.

Researching Job Titles and Careers

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)

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

Career Insider: Vault Guides http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

Candid Career http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

Possible Job Titles

Account Executive	ESL Instructor	Migrant Family Liaison
Analyst	Ethnologist	Nutrition & Education Coordinator
Anthropologist	Flight Attendant	Occupational Therapist
Audiologist	Foreign Language Teacher	Program Coordinator
CIA/FBI Special Agent	Foreign News Journalist	Production Assistant
Client Service Specialist	Foreign Services Worker	Professor of Spanish
Cognitive Scientist	Instructional Coordinator	Psychologist
Commentator	Intelligence Specialist	Psychometrist
Computer Programmer	Interpreter	Social Worker
Consultant	Japanese Instructor	Speech Pathologist
Editorial Assistant	Language Teacher	Support Technician
Educational Administrator	Legislative Librarian Assistant	Translator
Employment Interviewer	Linguist	Vocational Rehab. Counselor

Possible Employers

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

To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.

Campus Resources

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

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at- <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>

Connect with your Career Consultant <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

Employment Websites

GENERAL:

CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)

DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)

GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

Idealist www.idealists.org/ (nonprofit jobs)

USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

UGA DAWGlink (career.uga.edu)- <https://uga-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php>

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>

Professional Information 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/>

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. To search, select “groups” under the “interests” tab. Also, review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

Interested in graduate school?

Find current information on getting into graduate school at UGA’s Career Center webpage: http://career.uga.edu/graduate_school/

For additional resources and information on careers, please contact your career consultant to set up an appointment.