What Can I Do With a Major In…

Linguistics

http://ltc.unt.edu/undergraduate

General Information on Careers for Linguistics Majors:

Are you interested in how language has changed over time? Do you enjoy working with computers or other technical equipment? Want to learn about the role of language in different cultures? Then, you should pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Linguistics at the University of North Texas. A linguistics degree provides you with valuable training for many different opportunities following graduation, including:

- Dialect coaching
- Preserving native languages
- Teaching English as a Second Language
- Translation
- Artificial intelligence
- Computer speech recognition
- Computer text recognition

Majoring in Linguistics

In the Department of Linguistics and Technical Communication, our focus is ensuring that you receive the proper training and knowledge to have a successful career or to pursue a graduate degree. The curriculum allows you to immerse yourself in the study of language and understand its structure, use, design and application.

Our faculty members, in addition to being outstanding teachers, are active researchers who share a common interest in language structure and its use. They’ve studied:

- English as a Second Language
- Indo-Aryan languages
- Second language acquisition
- Tibetan language
- Undocumented languages
The Linguistics and Technical Communication Colloquium Series will give you an opportunity to meet top researchers in the field and gain new perspectives. You can also discuss the latest trends in language as a member of the Student Linguistics Association of North Texas organization.

Our department is a pioneer in its area because of our interdisciplinary approach to linguistics and technical communication. This helps us to develop new solutions for real-world application in local and international community outreach programs.

*For more information about specific classes and requirements for students beginning in 2014-2015 follow the links provided below.

**Career Tips for Jobs with a Linguistics Degree**

- Linguistics is an interdisciplinary field and therefore good preparation for a wide variety of graduate programs including: linguistics, speech pathology, audiology, cognitive sciences, English, law, journalism, foreign languages, etc.
- Students who major in linguistics develop strong analytical and communication skills and the ability to debate. They are commonly required to gain proficiency in a second language.
- Students should consider a secondary area of study such as, foreign language, computer science, psychology, or other area of interest to increase opportunities for employment or graduate school.
- Consider study abroad and getting involved with the international community on campus. Attend language conversation tables.

**Related Career Titles**

**Entry-Level (Bachelor's Degree):**

- ESL Instructor
- English Teacher Abroad
- Testing, Item Writers
- Foreign Language Teacher
- Speech Pathology Assistant
- Translator/Interpreter
- Lexicographer
- Technical Writer
- Intelligence Analyst
- NCS Language Officer
- Sales/Marketing Associate
Jobs Requiring Additional Experience (Master’s, Doctorate, Certifications)

Research Associate/Assistant
Researcher
Project Manager
College/University Professor
Librarian
Computational Linguist
Speech Data Evaluator
Search Engine Evaluator
Theoretical Linguist

Psycholinguist
Text-Content Analyst
Language Documenter
EthnoLinguist
Forensic Linguist

Speech Pathologist
Audiologist
Dialect Coach

Work Environments

Software Developers
Search Engines
Database Developers
E-Businesses
Universities/Colleges
Testing/Survey Companies
International Schools
Language Schools
K-12 Schools
Federal/State/Local Government
Central Intelligence Agency

Federal Bureau of Investigation
US State Department
Armed Forces
Hospitals/Clinics
Developmental Learning Centers
Department Veteran’s Affairs
Private Corporations
International Businesses
Publishers
Law Firms
Non-Profit Organizations

Websites for Exploring Linguistics Careers

The Linguist List, http://linguistlist.org/ask-ling/career.cfm
US Department of State, http://careers.state.gov/students/


Careers in Languages, http://lrc.wfu.edu/careersinlanguages/

**Student Organizations at UNT- (Learn more at UNT ORGSYNC)**

Bilingual/ESL Student Organization

German Club

Japanese National Honor Society

Executive Committee of International Organizations

World Echoes

**Linguistics Job Search Sites**

LSA Job Center- http://www.linguisticsociety.org/jobs-center

The Linguist List- http://linguistlist.org/jobs/

Going Global- Sign in using your eagle network account (otherwise you have to pay)

Jobs Abroad- http://jobs.goabroad.com/


Bilingual Jobs- http://www.twolingos.com/

Government Jobs- www.usajobs.gov

**Professional Organizations**

Linguistic Society of America- http://www.linguisticsociety.org/


Teaching of Foreign Languages- http://www.actfl.org/

Association for Computation Linguistics- http://www.aclweb.org/
Additional Resources


O*NET OnLine: http://www.onetonline.org/

Eagle Network: http://careercenter.unt.edu/eagle_network.html

LinkedIn: http://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students.html

mySkills myFuture: http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/

USAjobs: https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads

CareerOneStop: http://www.careeronestop.org/

CareerRookie: http://www.careerrookie.com/

Need help figuring all this out? Call the Career Center and make an appointment with your Career Advisor! You can also get help with resume and cover letter writing and interview skills preparation.

*Information for this handout compiled from the following Career Services Departments:

Central Washington University: http://www.cwu.edu/career/

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/career/

Texas State University: http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/

University of North Carolina Wilmington: http://www.uncw.edu/career/index.html

University of North Texas: http://careercenter.unt.edu/

University of Tennessee-Knoxville: http://career.utk.edu/

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: http://www.uwec.edu/Career/index.htm