



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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Interdisciplinary Linguistics

The study of Linguistics at The University of Winnipeg considers the relationship between language, culture and communication.

Interdisciplinary Linguistics examines the complexities of language use in daily communication in various social and cultural contexts. In this program, you will explore language structure and cultural context across a variety of university departments.

A better understanding of how language encodes meaning will help you to write, read and speak with greater confidence, fluency, and power. A better understanding of how the cultural context influences and is influenced by linguistic choices will enable you to extend your range of, and success with, subtle forms of expression.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, Honours)**.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Interdisciplinary Linguistics students develop excellent analytic writing and communication skills, which are assets in almost any career. Linguists find employment with interpreting, second language education, writing, editing, proofreading, public speaking, broadcasting, policy writing, lexicography, voice coaching, acting and as communication specialists in business, advertising, law, and medicine.

SAMPLE COURSES

Introduction to Linguistics, a first-year course, introduces students to the nature of human language and linguistic research. The aim is familiarize students with the properties of language by focusing on the core areas of phonetics and phonology (sound structure), morphology (word structure), syntax (sentence structure), semantics (the structure of meaningful categories) and pragmatics (the use of language in specific social and cultural contexts). Other topics covered include language acquisition, language variation and language change. A variety of languages are used for illustration.

Syntax, a second-year course, is the study of the arrangement of words into groups, clauses and sentences. In this course students use various criteria to define traditional parts of speech, in order to understand how these parts of speech combine in different types of groups or phrases, which in turn form a variety of clauses and sentence types. Form and function, or class and structure, are introduced from the perspective of systemic functional and communication linguistics. Then, these descriptive frameworks are contrasted with transformational generative models and others.

Linguistic Anthropology, a second-year course, examines the relationship between language and culture, including the theories and principles of linguistic anthropology. Nearly two dozen languages are compared and contrasted in order to understand the concepts of language structure. Topics include the constituent elements of language, pragmatics, language change, literacy and nonverbal communication.

Textual Analysis, a third-year course, examines the principles and methods of textual analysis as a language-centred approach to literary and non-literary discourse. Various texts are analyzed using six descriptive linguistic tools. Textual analysis considers the effect of writers' choices to create different reader responses to literary elements such as developing characters, building suspense, creating humour, and achieving particular rhetorical purposes.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

Languages of the World
Phonetics and Phonology
Morphology, Language and Culture

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

"I've always been interested in the use of language and its relationship with culture and communication. My degree in Linguistics from The University of Winnipeg has given me the tools to be a confident and successful communications specialist. Not only did I enjoy my studies in Linguistics, I found employment in my field immediately upon graduation." - *Karyn Kibsey (BAH '06 Linguistics), Liaison Officer with The University of Winnipeg*

"Language is all around us; from the instructions, newspapers, books and web pages we read to the lectures we listen to and the conversations we have. There are so many parts working together in a language that most of us take for granted. In the linguistics program, you can discover everything you never knew about language and how all the different aspects work together." - *Radio broadcaster and linguistics student Kristin Marand*

"For me, the intricacies of language solve many riddles. Since graduation, I have formed my own company, Linguistic Fingerprints, and have assisted in the solution of language crimes and puzzles both here and abroad. I continue to do research and write papers in the field of forensic linguistics and authorship attribution." - *Barbara J. Becker, Consultant, Linguistic Fingerprints*

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

NOTE: This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.

LING-1001(6) Introduction to Linguistics

LING-2103(3) Languages of the World

ENGL-1000(3) English 1A

RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

6-18 credit hours Electives, depending on interest. First-year courses complementing these can be found in Anthropology, Biology, French, Psychology, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies, Philosophy, Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses are required.

HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

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