



# CAREER PATHFINDERS

## LINGUISTICS DEGREE

Linguistics is the study of languages and its use in social and cultural contexts, as well as studies how meaning in those contexts comes about. The study of Linguistics relies upon, and strengthens, analytic abilities and communication skills. The Linguistic major gains a deep understanding of the nature of language and communication. A degree in Linguistics can lead to a number of different careers, both in the public and private sectors.

### Career Options / Job Titles

(SOME MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING)

- Interpreter (NOC 5125)
- Writer (NOC 5121)
- ESL Teacher (NOC 4021, 4031)
- Broadcaster (NOC 5231)
- Lexicographer Assistant (NOC 5121)
- Career Development Officer (NOC 4156)
- Reference Librarian (NOC 5111)
- Translator (NOC 5125)
- Editor (NOC 5122)
- Speech Writer (NOC 5121)
- Research Assistant (NOC 4012)
- Advertising Account Manager (NOC 1123)
- Overseas Trade Representative (NOC 6411)

### Skills Developed by Linguistics Majors

- Oral and written communication
- Analytical skills
- Problem solving
- Research and investigation

## Employers / Areas of Employment

- Advertising Agencies
- Consulting Firms
- Correctional Facilities
- Cultural Organizations
- Educational Institutions
- Government Agencies/Departments
- International Organizations
- Legal Profession
- Media/Publishing/Telecommunications Industries
- Museums/Galleries
- Public Interest Groups
- Retail/Wholesale Establishments
- Self Employed
- Social Service Organizations
- Translation/Interpretation Agencies

## Professional Associations and Websites

- Linguistics Fact Sheet <http://uwinnipeg.ca/factsheets/docs/factsheet-interdisc-linguistics.pdf>
- NOC Codes <http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/English/NOC/2011/Welcome.aspx>
- Canadian Linguistics Association <http://cla-acl.ca/>
- American Association for Applied Linguistics <http://www.aaal.org/>
- Ethnologue <http://www.ethnologue.com/>
- The Linguist List <http://www.linguistlist.org/>
- Linguistic Society of America <http://www.linguisticsociety.org/>
- Society for Caribbean Linguistics <http://www.scl-online.net/>