

Linguistics (HBA)

Department of Language Studies

Specialist

Major

Minor

See also co-op option

Linguistics is the study of language; it examines the construction of language and the mechanics of speech, and attempts to explain why language varies in humans. The Specialist Program in Linguistics is designed for students who are interested in a more intensive study of linguistics and for students who are interested in theoretical linguistics.

Complementary Programs: Psychology, English, English Chinese Translation, Sociology, Anthropology, Women and Gender Studies

Make the most of your time at UTSC!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are listed. In fact, activities such as joining a student club, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study.

Check out future career opportunities and skills acquired from completing this program:

Competencies & Skills

- Analyze and identify patterns
- Apply methodologies from many disciplines
- Communicate with people from many backgrounds
- Evaluate evidence
- Listen and read for meaning and social use
- Observe people and data
- Relate language to social context
- Understand historical language change

Careers for Graduates

- Writer/Editor in Media and Publishing
- Research Associate in Marketing Agencies
- Communications Assistant in Public Relations
- Survey Analyst in Marketing and Advertising
- Education Policy Analyst in Government Services
- Foreign Service or Immigration Officer
- ... and more!

Further Education

- Linguistics
- Speech Language Pathology
- Communicative Disorders
- Education
- Journalism
- Law School
- Paralegal Studies
- Public Relations
- Marketing
- ... and more!



Connect with Alumni at events on **CLNx** and through **Partners in Leadership**, **10,000 Coffees**, **LinkedIn** and more!

For more information go to:
uoft.me/alumni-services

**NEED HELP CHOOSING
YOUR PROGRAM?**

See uoft.me/choosing



Linguistics (HBA) Specialist Program Pathway

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PATHWAY

Read through each year; investigate what appeals to you here and in other Program Pathways that apply to you. Note that this Pathway is only a suggestion. **For the most up to date information, please check the UTSC Calendar.**

YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)

YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)

YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)

YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY

- 1.0 credit as follows: LINA01H3, LINA02H3.
- 1.0 credit in one or more languages, which may include LINB60H3, LINB62H3 or LINC61H3; ECT, FRE or LGG courses; or language courses at another campus.
- Explore different kinds of courses; this will also help with fulfilling breadth requirements and electives.

- Take LINB04H3, LINB06H3, LINB09H3, and LINB10H3.
- 4.5 credits from the 2 groups listed in UTSC Calendar, including at least 1.5 credits from Group A and Group B (Check UTSC Calendar for details).
- Use Degree Explorer to plan your courses and program and meet with your Program Advisor to ensure you are on track with your degree.

- Take LINC02H3, LINC11H3, LINC12H3.
- Continue to fulfill the credits from the 2 groups listed in the UTSC calendar as outlined in year 2.
- Additional 2.0 credits in any LIN, PLI, JAL or JLP courses.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track with your degree.

- Continue to fulfill the additional 2.0 credits in any LIN, PLI, JAL or JLP courses mentioned in year 3.
- Ensure you have fulfilled your breadth requirements.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Register your “Intent to Graduate” on ACORN by the deadline.

DEVELOP YOUR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH SKILLS

- Schedule an appointment with your Program Librarian for in-depth research assistance with your assignments.
- Get writing support at the CTL Writing Centre.

- Further develop your general academic skills by attending workshops offered by the Academic Advising & Career Centre (AA&CC) and Centre for Teaching & Learning (CTL).
- Consider enrolling in LINB98H3 if you have an interest in research or research based applications.

- Consider competing for the UTSC Library Undergraduate Research Prize or Poster Forum.
- Volunteer in the Computation and Psycholinguistics Laboratory (CAP Lab) of the Centre for French and Linguistics (CFL).

- Apply for an Academic Travel Fund through Department of Student Life (DSL) to research, present at a conference, or engage with the international academic community.
- Consider taking in an Independent Study Course which will allow you to work closely with a faculty member on a project.

APPLY THEORY TO PRACTICE

- Attend the UTSC Faculty Mix & Mingle Fair to connect with professors and learn more about their specialties.
- Start building your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and search for Experiential Learning opportunities.

- Get involved in relevant opportunities on and/or off campus; apply to Work Study, or other part-time and summer jobs on CLNx.

- Build on your skills and knowledge through relevant events offered through your department, student groups, DSL and the AA&CC.

- Attend the Summer & Full-time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers looking to hire students for summer and full-time positions relevant to your field.

BECOME AN ENGAGED CITIZEN (LOCALLY & GLOBALLY)

- Get involved with the Linguistics Student Association (LSA); also explore other relevant student clubs and activities on campus.
- Volunteer in DSL's Alternative Reading Week volunteer program to gain experience and knowledge about social change and community development.

- Look into volunteering or working overseas to expand your network through International Student Centre's (ISC) Global Learning programs.

- Consider running for an elected position in the Linguistics Student Association (LSA).
- Volunteer with DSL as a First Year Peer Advisor.

- Participate in the AA&CC's Partners in Leadership program to learn and network with an alumni mentor about transitioning to work or further education.
- Participate in the LSA's Wug Life Initiative, an outreach program that introduces high school students to the fields of Linguistics and Psycholinguistics.

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- Volunteer with organizations to explore your interests; check listings on CLNx.
- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair in September and register with SCSU's Volunteer Network Program to explore opportunities.

- Considering grad school? Speak to professors and advisors early so you are on track.
- Explore careers through the AA&CC's Job Shadowing and In The Field programs.

- Plan a career path with a staff member at the AA&CC.
- Check CLNx for networking events and employer information sessions to attend.
- Attend the “Graduate & Professional School Fair” in September.

- Attend the AA&CC's Get Hired job search conference in April/May.
- Attend a Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search “crash course” and for access to full-time job listings.
- Get your Personal Statement for grad school reviewed in the AA&CC.

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SERVICES AT UTSC THAT SUPPORT YOU:

To learn about resources and departments that can support you, download the UTSC Student Experience app or visit uoft.me/StARTNow

Diversity & Inclusion

The University of Toronto Scarborough commits to intentionally foster a welcoming and supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff where diversity is valued, and every member of the community feels a sense of belonging on campus.

utsc.utoronto.ca/edo/

Academic Integrity

The university community supports an environment of academic integrity; these are values that include honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. Learn about the university's academic rules and how to avoid accidental plagiarism by attending an Academic Integrity Matters (AIM) workshop.

academicintegrity.utoronto.ca/

Healthy Campus

UTSC provides supportive environments, resources and services to empower students to maintain their overall physical and mental health and foster their academic success.

uoft.me/healthycampus/

Co-Curricular Record

The co-curricular record is an official institutional document that recognizes your involvement outside the classroom as a significant part of your U of T experience.

clnx.utoronto.ca/ccr

DID YOU KNOW...

It's estimated that over 2900 languages are considered to be endangered.



FUTURE STUDENTS

For admission requirements to UTSC, check out the U of T Scarborough Viewbook or contact:

Admissions & Student Recruitment

University of Toronto Scarborough
Room HL104, Main Floor, Highland Hall
416-287-7529

admissions@utsc.utoronto.ca

CURRENT STUDENTS

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Linguistics Librarian:

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Academic Advising & Career Centre

Room AC213 | 416-287-7561

Department of Student Life

Room SL157 | 416-208-4760

Linguistics Student Association,

<https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/cfl/linguistics-student-association>

Glossary of acronyms:

AA&CC – Academic Advising & Career Centre

CLNx – Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network

CCR – Co-Curricular Record

CTL – Centre for Teaching & Learning

DSL – Department of Student Life

ISC – International Student Centre

LSA – Linguistics Student Association

SCSU – Scarborough Campus Students Union