What is Linguistics?

Linguistics is one of the Humanities, and the scientific study of human language. It encompasses theories of linguistic structure in all domains: speech sounds (phonetics and phonology), words (morphology), sentences (syntax), meaning (semantics) and conversations (discourse). Courses examine:

- Language structure, acquisition and processing
- Language acquisition disorders
- Language variation according to region, gender, class, etc.
- Social functions of language
- How languages change across time and why
- Second language learning

Psycholinguistics emphasizes biological and psychological factors in language and disorders.

Skills of Linguistics Grads

- Analyse 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
- Weigh values and compare interpretations
- Write clearly and present information effectively

What makes Linguistics at UTSC unique?

UTSC’s Psycholinguistics, the only program in Ontario preparing students specifically for professional programs such as Speech Language Pathology!
Examples of Fields that ‘Fit’ the Skills of Linguistics Grads

- Magazine / Newspaper Publishing Firms
- Business Services
- Marketing and Communications
- Advertising and Public Relations
- Government (Federal, Provincial, Regional, Municipal)
- Immigration Services
- Education
- Law / Legal Services

Your 4-Year Career Exploration Action Plan

1. Do Your Research

The databases below provide you with details about job prospects, nature of work, educational requirements, working conditions, pay and related career paths:

**Career Cruising:** Log into cln.utoronto.ca, click on Resources, and click on Career Cruising to be logged in automatically

**O*Net:** online.onetcenter.org (U.S. site)

Attend our workshop **Discover Your Skills and Career Options**, meet with a Career Counsellor, and use our resources to get to know your skills, values, personality and interests:

www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/get-know-yourself

Use the advice on our tip sheets for gathering information:

- Information Interviews
- Working On-Campus
- Internships
- Volunteering

2. Explore Career Options & Get Experience

Gain exposure to your options in the world of work and make connections while you’re a student via campus events and programs listed on cln.utoronto.ca and ccr.utoronto.ca:

- Extern Job Shadowing
- In the Field
- Explore It! (course-based)
- Partners in Leadership (4th year students)
- iLead, uLead, weLead (Dep’t of Student Life)
- Employer Information Sessions
- Career & Volunteer Fairs
- Departmental Student Association Events

Apply for Work Study jobs in CLN in Fall and Spring! You might also find work via www.scsu.ca/jobs.

Find networking opportunities, internship programs and entry-level jobs via websites like www.talentegg.ca and www.charityvillage.ca.

As an upper year student (14+ credits), attend UTSC’s Get Hired Conference and participate in Jobs for Grads.

As a graduate, explore internships and other trainee programs like www.careeredge.ca

3. Build Your Network

Explore Professional Associations and get involved: volunteer for their events and conferences, and get to know people in your industry of interest. These are your future mentors, supervisors and colleagues!

**Linguistics Student Assoc’n** - www.facebook.com/LSAatUTSC

**Canadian Linguistics Assoc’n** - www.cla-acl.ca

**Chartered Institute of Linguistics** - www.iol.org.uk

**Canadian Marketing Association** - www.the-cma.org

**Speech Language and Audiology Canada** - www.sac-oac.ca

**Canadian Academy of Audiology** - www.canadianaudiology.ca

**Ontario College of Teachers** - www.oct.ca

**International Cognitive Linguistics Association** - www.cognitivelinguistics.org

Please note: This document is a starting point for your further research into career options in this field of study. For more information on this program and course requirements, please visit the departmental website found on the front of this