LINGUISTICS (HBA)

Department of Language Studies

Linguistics is the scientific study of language. At the heart of linguistics is understanding language in the mind: What is the nature of the unconscious knowledge that humans have of language? How do we process this knowledge? How do children acquire language? How do languages vary? What properties are common to all human languages? How does language influence the way we interact with each other? Our programs in Linguistics will give you insight into one of the most defining features of being human: the ability to communicate through language. Our programs provide a strong foundation in the core aspects of human language: sounds (phonetics and phonology), words (morphology), sentences (syntax), and meaning (semantics). The world-class expertise of our faculty also allow students to apply their foundational knowledge via courses and research opportunities to areas such as how language varies depending on group, situation, or region (sociolinguistics), how language changes over time (historical linguistics), how people use language in context (pragmatics and discourse analysis), how people acquire or learn language, and how it is taught. Students can also investigate how to model aspects of language (theoretical and computational linguistics) and how people process language (psycholinguistics).

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and interesting 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 mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using **My Program Plan** found at **www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans**

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Major Program ERMAJ1850 Linguistic Studies (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN0506 Linguistic Studies (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1200 English Language Linguistics (Arts)

Check out...

Want to know more about the theories and tools used in language technology? Our **Certificate in Computational Linguistics** provides background in the theoretical and practical aspects of the intersection of Linguistics and the Computing Sciences.

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers and workplaces for graduates:

Industry: speech recognition, artificial intelligence, natural language processing

Rehabilitation sciences: speech language pathology, audiology

Education: teach a language, teacher training, assessment design, educational research

Language documentation and revitalization: document, analyze, revitalize (endangered) languages; help establish literacy programs and language training programs

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HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

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	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	Begin with a solid introduction to linguistics. Enrol in courses LIN101H5 and LIN102H5. Choose a program of study (Subject POSt) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the **Degree Explorer** and the **Academic Calendar** to plan your degree. Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a **utmONE** course. Build community and gain academic support through **LAUNCH**. Join a RGASC **Peer Facilitated Study Group**.	Build a solid foundation of knowledge and skills. Enrol in core courses including LIN228H5, LIN229H5, LIN232H5, LIN231H5/LIN237H5, LIN240H5, LIN256H5, and JLP285H5. Attain 1.0 credits in a language course. Consider applying for **Research Opportunity Program (ROP)** courses LIN299H5 or LIN299Y5. Visit the EEU website for **ROP Course Prerequisites**. Attend the RGASC's **Program for Accessing Research Training (PART)** to enhance your research skills.	Broaden your knowledge and apply it in different ways. Enrol in one course from three of the nine categories listed in the **Academic Calendar** for a total of 1.5 credits. Throughout your undergraduate degree: • use the **Degree Explorer** to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. • see the **Office of the Registrar** and the **Language Studies Academic Advisor**.	Deepen your interests, engage in research, and communicate your knowledge. Attain 1.5 addition credits at the 300/400 level from an extensive list in the **Academic Calendar**. Attain a minimum of 0.5 credits at the 400 level. Log on to ACORN and request graduation.
BUILD SKILLS	Use the **Co-Curricular Record (CCR)**. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments. Attend the **Get Hired Fair** through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities. Attend the **Experiential Education Fair.**	Use the **Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)** to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities. Work on-campus through the **Work-Study program**. View position descriptions on the CLNx.	Explore your interests. Are you into promoting mindfulness and building community? Investigate the UTM **Library Ambassador Program**.	Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them. Need to strengthen your presentation skills? Consider taking EDS325H5 which allows you to earn a course credit in addition to a placement opportunity as a RGASC **Facilitated Study Group Leader**.
BUILD A NETWORK	Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships. Start by joining the **Linguistics League**. Follow them on Facebook and Twitter: @UTMLL or join the **Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)**. Follow them on Facebook @utmLSAS. Attend the **Linguistics League** and the LSAS Meet and Greet gatherings. Visit the UTM Library **Reference Desk**.	Do you have a professor you would like to connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn **Tips On How to Approach a Professor** available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).	Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn). Check out workshops and events hosted by the Department of Language Studies. Visit their **News & Events** page.	Join a professional association. Check out the **Canadian Linguistic Association (CLA)** and the **Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics**. Attend the **Toronto Undergraduate Linguistic Conference** and **CLA's Conference**.
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	Engage with the many programs offered by the **International Education Centre (IEC)**, whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the **Canada Eh?** day trips or **English Language Conversation Circles** to deepen your global mindset. First-year international students can also take advantage of **THRIVE'IN**, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.	Participate in **International Education Week** and engage in programs like **Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS)** to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship. Learn about and prepare for a future **UTM Abroad Experience** through the IEC to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set, and learn about other cultures while sharing your own!	Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics, personal growth and are highly sought out by employers. **Earn credits overseas!** Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about **Course Based Exchange**, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!	Engage in programs like **ISTEP** and **THRIVE** to support your transition out of the University!
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	Where should you start your career journey? The Career Centre's **model** can help! Get started today by visiting **My Career Centre** to begin exploring on your own. Stop by the Hello desk in the **Student Services Hub**. Our Career Centre team is ready to support you. Attend the **Program Selection & Career Options** workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.	Learn how your academics and career goals work together in a **Career Counselling appointment.** Explore careers through the CC's **Job Shadow Program** or **In the Field.** Considering **further education**? Attend the CC's **Graduate & Professional Schools Fair.** Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).	Attend CC workshops to learn the basics of creating a resume and cover letter, preparing for an interview, and creating a strong LinkedIn profile. To register, visit the UTM Events page on **CLNx**. You would also find exciting networking opportunities to connect with employers, industry professionals and alumni. Are you ready to take the next step in preparing for further education? Get started by checking out the Pursue Learning section of **My Career Centre** and attending a drop-in session with a **Career Counsellor** for best practices for grad school preparation.	Attend the CC workshop, **Now That I'm Graduating What's Next** to learn how to develop your job search plan. Ready for employment? Schedule an **Employment Strategist Appointment** to review your documents and practice your skills. If you are still unsure about the next steps in your career journey, schedule a **Career Counsellor Appointment** to gain support exploring career options and establishing a career plan.

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

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Skills developed in Linguistics

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

Technical: knowledge of the various abstract structural subsystems of human language; knowledge of how humans produce and process language; how babies acquire language(s); how language(s) are learned as an adult; how it varies and changes through space and time.

Research: Experience with hands-on experimental methods; collecting data; quantifying data; analysing data; application of data to theoretical or computational; engaging in the development of linguistic theory.

Analytical: Analytic reasoning; critical thinking; methods of argumentation; formulating hypotheses; generating predictions; making careful observations ; gaining practice with qualitative and quantitative analytical techniques.

Communication and interpersonal: Proficiency in oral and written expression; communicating complex information to a variety of audiences; awareness of how language is modulated according to social contexts; awareness of and respect for linguistic and cultural diversity.

Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- UTM Linguistic League (UTMLL)
- Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit the

Student Groups and Societies Directory

Services that support you

- **Accessibility Services (AS)**
- **Career Centre (CC)**
- **Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)**
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)**
- **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**
- **Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)**
- **International Education Centre (IEC)**
- **Office of the Registrar (OR)**
- **Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)**
- **Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)**
- **UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)**

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at **utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook**.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

How are words formed? What is their internal structure? This is the domain of morphology, and you can learn about it in LIN231H5. Have you ever noticed how the sentences you create are formed according to strict rules? Learn about this rule system in LIN232H5 *Syntactic Patterns*! How do we derive meaning from the units of language? How do units of meaning combine to make larger meanings? How do we account for meaning we can't hear? These mysteries are revealed in LIN237H5 *Semantics*.

Are you curious about how language can vary and change according to our age, gender, ethnicity, and the social dynamics of different situations? Check out how in LIN256H5 *Sociolinguistics*. What about the mystery of how babies acquire language or how the human mind processes language input? You'll be introduced to this field of inquiry in JLP285H5 *Language, Mind, & Brain*.

Student Recruitment & Admissions

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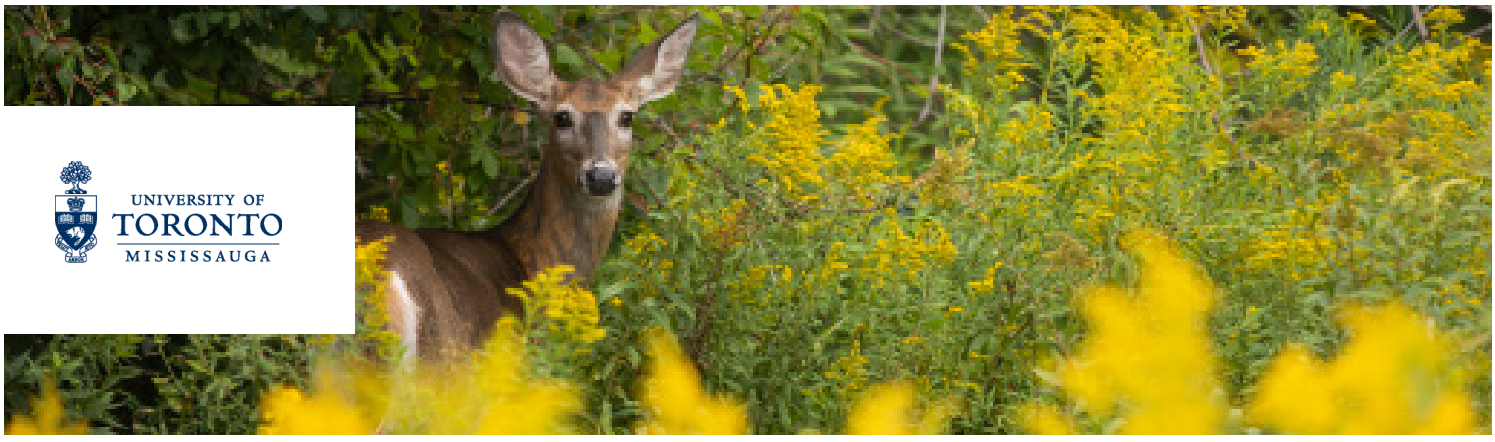

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