INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

Linguistics is the scientific study of language. Linguists seek to understand the use, structure, and meaning of language by investigating languages from around the world, how languages change over time, and the relationship of language to society and cognition. Linguistics is interdisciplinary, drawing on and contributing to work in anthropology, philosophy, psychology, and computer science. Through a strong tradition of research collaboration, linguists at Berkeley conduct cutting-edge research on language, deepening and enriching our understanding of this unique human trait.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Join a student organization such as the Society of Linguistics Undergraduate Students (SLUgS).
• Work directly with a graduate student on research through the Linguistics Research Apprentice Practicum.
• Visit the California Language Archive, a catalog of indigenous language materials.
• Participate in the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) Linguistic Institute.
**LINGUISTICS**  
Bachelor of Arts  

# DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

## FIRST YEAR
- **Explore your major**
  - Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plan.
  - Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements.
  - Enroll in LINGUISTICS 100, the only prerequisite to declare the major.
  - After completing LINGUISTICS 100 declare the major by submitting your Major Declaration Petition.
  - Review major guidelines for study abroad and explore related programs.
  - Consider participating in the Linguistics Enrichment Experience Program (LEEP).
- **Connect and build community**
  - Get 11 mentoring with Berkeley Connect.
  - Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
  - Join a student organization such as the Society of Linguistics Undergraduate Students (SLUGS).
  - Visit the California Language Archive, a catalog of indigenous language materials.
  - Join the Friends of Berkeley Linguistics on Facebook.
  - Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
  - Visit the Berkeley Language Center and look for upcoming lectures of interest.
  - Attend QP fest to hear from graduate students about their individual research projects firsthand.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar such as LINGUISTICS 24, LBS 1, or a student-run DeCal course.
  - Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Fair in October.
  - Learn about research taking place in the Linguistics department.
  - Continue with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
  - Work directly with a graduate student on research through the Linguistics Research Apprentice Practicum (LRAP).
  - Assist faculty in their research through URAP.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
  - Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
  - Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
  - Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Continue to work directly with a graduate student on research through the Linguistics Research Apprentice Practicum (LRAP).
  - Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
  - Enrich your studies with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.
- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library.
  - Develop a plan for getting career ready.
  - Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
  - Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or Cal Job Shadow Program.
  - Reflect on your education so far and skills and experience you still wish to build.
  - Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator.
  - Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.
  - Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
  - Apply for a leadership position in your student organization.
  - Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
  - Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
  - Update your resume and LinkedIn profile.
  - Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors.
  - Attend career and graduate school fairs.
  - Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.

## SECOND YEAR
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Visit Handshake and CareerMail.
  - Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series or Cal Job Shadow Program.
  - Reflect on your education so far and skills and experience you still wish to build.
  - Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator.
  - Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.
  - Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.

## THIRD YEAR
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
  - Work directly with a graduate student on research through the Linguistics Research Apprentice Practicum (LRAP).
  - Assistant faculty in their research through URAP.
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# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

The Linguistics major provides a variety of career and graduate school possibilities. Graduates go on to work in a range of fields, including health services, speech technology, legal consulting, writing, teaching, data mining, lexicography, and translation.

## Jobs and Employers

- Analytical Linguist, Google Assistant Language Teacher, JET Behavioral Interventionist, Cfr for Autism and Related Disorders
- Biological Research Ass., UC Berkeley
- Content Manager
- Educational Technology Editor
- Forensic Linguist
- Linguist, Sensory, Inc.
- Linguistic Localization Consultant
- Linguistics Paralegal Trainee, Computerlaw Group
- Professional Brand Namer
- Research scientist
- Site Reliability Engineer, Google Software Engineer, Abstract Technical Writer
- UI/UX/Web Developer, AXA Rosenberg
- User Experience Strategist
- Video Editor, Udemy

## Graduate Programs

- Computer Engineering, Masters
  - Elementary Education, Masters
  - Law, JD
  - Linguistics, PhD
  - Spanish Language and Lit, Masters
  - Speech-Language Pathology, Masters
  - Urban Community Planning, Masters

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.