



## FACULTY OF ARTS

# INTERDISCIPLINARY LINGUISTICS

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**The study of Linguistics at The University of Winnipeg considers the relationship between language, culture and communication.**

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Interdisciplinary Linguistics examines the complexities of language use in daily communication in various social and cultural contexts. In this program, you will explore language structure and cultural context across a variety of university departments.

A better understanding of how language encodes meaning will help you to write, read and speak with greater confidence, fluency, and power. A better understanding of how the cultural context influences and is influenced by linguistic choices will enable you to extend your range of, and success with, subtle forms of expression.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)**. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in Linguistics as a secondary area of interest.

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## SAMPLE CAREERS

Interdisciplinary Linguistics students develop excellent analytic writing and communication skills, which are assets in almost any career. Linguists find employment with interpreting and translation, second language education, writing, editing, proofreading, public speaking, broadcasting, policy writing, language planning and policy, literacies, forensic linguistics, sign linguistics, computer-mediated communication, lexicography, speech pathology therapy, voice coaching, acting, and as communication specialists in business, advertising, law, and medicine.

## SAMPLE COURSES

**Introduction to Linguistics**, a first-year course, introduces students to the nature of human language and linguistic research. The aim is to familiarize students with the properties of language by focusing on the core areas of linguistic analysis: phonetics and phonology (sound structure), morphology (word structure), syntax (sentence structure), semantics (the structure of meaningful categories), and pragmatics (actual language use).

**Languages of the World**, a second-year course, examines the linguistic map of the world where approximately 7000 languages are currently spoken, focusing on the spatial distribution of both language families and language isolates, and exploring the principles of language classification. A closer look at six different languages, each from a different continent, reveals the way different language types work in practice.

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**Textual Analysis**, a third-year course, examines the principles and methods of textual analysis as a language- centred approach to literary and non-literary discourse. Various texts are analyzed using six descriptive linguistic tools. Textual analysis considers the effect of writers' choices to create different reader responses to literary elements such as developing characters, building suspense, creating humour, and achieving particular rhetorical purposes.

### **MORE SAMPLE COURSES**

- Discourse Analysis
- Syntax
- Language and Culture
- Psycholinguistics
- Phonetics and Phonology
- Indo-European Language and Mythology

### **SAMPLE FIRST YEAR**

LING-1001(6) Introduction to Linguistics

LING-2103(3) Languages of the World

ENGL-1000(3) English 1A

RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

ANTH-2400(3) Linguistic Anthropology

6-18 credit hours Electives, depending on interest.

**NOTE:** *This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

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***“The Linguistics Program gave me the tools to analyze communication in a practical way. Its interdisciplinary nature helped me develop a broader perspective on what language is and how it is connected to all facets of our lives. This led me to pursue Speech-Language Pathology, a profession that allows me to apply my linguistic knowledge to clinical populations, ultimately to improve their quality of life.”***

- Ashleen Scott, Speech Language Pathologist and linguistics graduate

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### **REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses required.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit:  
**[uwinnipeg.ca/apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/apply)**

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at [welcome@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:welcome@uwinnipeg.ca) or 204.786.9844. In any case where the University's Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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