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What can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Arts, Linguistics?

Knowing What's Expected

If you have excellent research, organizational, writing, planning, and presentation skills as well as intellectual curiosity, you will enjoy the options that the Bachelor of Linguistics degree affords.

Jobs in linguistics require a critical appreciation of language, the way it is used, and the ability to think logically and analytically.

Knowledge of computer systems and report production and presentation is also important. Being able to speak and write French would be an asset in some positions.

Transferable Skills

- ❖ Continually improving interpersonal and communication skills
- ❖ Ability to methodically analyze and evaluate data
- ❖ Strong analytical skills
- ❖ Critical thinking skills
- ❖ Efficiency in written and oral presentation skills
- ❖ Fluency in one or more foreign languages
- ❖ Specialization
- ❖ Language interpretation skills

Your Choices

A Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics offers a broad background in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences. As a result, depending on your major, you may pursue occupations in sectors such as communications, culture, religion, social work, and administration.

**Some of these occupations will require further education.

Careers for Linguistics Majors

- ❖ Speech & Language Therapist
- ❖ Lexicographer
- ❖ Teacher or Professor
- ❖ Translator, Terminologist, or Interpreter
- ❖ Writer, Editor, or Journalist
- ❖ Publishing & Printing
- ❖ Public Administration
- ❖ Policy or Program Officer
- ❖ Human Resources Manager
- ❖ Social Worker
- ❖ University Research or Teaching Assistant
- ❖ Library & Information Manager
- ❖ Social Worker, Counsellor, or Probation Officer
- ❖ Liaison and Information Officer

Necessary Skills

- ❖ Researching and writing skills
- ❖ Report production and presentation
- ❖ Time management
- ❖ Leadership

What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (See-www.mountstudent.ca) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics
www.aclacaal.org
- ❖ Canadian Linguistics Association
<http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~cla-acl/>
- ❖ Association of Translators & Interpreters of Nova Scotia
www.atins.org
- ❖ Atlantic Provinces Linguistic Association
www.unb.ca/apla-alpa/home.html
- ❖ Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia
www.writers.ns.ca
- ❖ Canadian Society for the Study of Names
http://geonames.nrcan.gc.ca/info/cssn_e.php

Available Reference Materials

What To Do With Your Degree

- ❖ What You Can Do with a Linguistics Degree
- ❖ Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors

Occupation Information

- ❖ Careers for Scholars & Other Deep Thinkers
- ❖ Careers for Writers & Others Who Have a Way with Words
- ❖ www.careercruising.com

Directories

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Associations Canada
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory
- ❖ Directory of Community Services

Job Searching

Job Hunting Websites

- ❖ www.msvu.ca/careerplanning
- ❖ Linguistic Funland
<http://www.linguistic-funland.com/tesljob.html>
- ❖ Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics
www.aclacaal.org
- ❖ Nova Scotia Public Service Commission
www.gov.ns.ca/psc/services/employ
- ❖ Government of Canada
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Jobs & Employment
www.atlanticjobs.com

For More Information Visit:

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