

Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics?



Know What's Expected

Linguistics majors have a critical appreciation of language and the way it is used. If you major in Linguistics, employers will expect that you have excellent research, organizational, writing, planning, and presentation skills as well as intellectual curiosity. A secondary language will be essential in most positions.

Transferable Skills

- Strong critical thinking skills
- Written and spoken communication skills
- Ability to analyze and evaluate data
- Fluency in one or more languages
- Improving interpersonal skills
- Language interpretation skills
- Computer literacy

What Employers Want to See

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 on-campus (for societies visit mountstudents.ca) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at msvu.ca/CCRP and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary Skills

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

Where Can You Work?

A Linguistics Major offers a broad background in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences. Graduates from Linguistics programs may find careers in culture, communications, religion, social work or administration

A Linguistics degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Halifax Interuniversity Program in Linguistics webpage for more information.

Possible Job Titles

- Speech & Language Therapist
- Theoretical Lexicographer
- Teacher or Professor
- Terminologist or Interpreter
- Writer, Editor, or Journalist
- Policy or Program Officer
- Human Resources Manager
- Social Worker or Counsellor
- Library & Information Manager
- Probation Officer

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Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Elementary schools
- Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Government
- Libraries
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Visit msvu.ca/ccrp for more local organizations.

Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at msvu.ca/careerplanning for links to frequently used job boards.

Professional Associations

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.

- Association of Translators & Interpreters of Nova Scotia
www.atins.org
- Atlantic Provinces Linguistic Association
www.unb.ca/apla-alpa
- Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics
www.aclacaal.org
- Canadian Linguistics Association
www.cla-acl.ca
- Linguistic Society of America
www.linguisticsociety.org
- Writer's Federation of Nova Scotia
www.writers.ns.ca

MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what you can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!

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