



## What can I do with a major in... **ENGLISH - Linguistics Concentration**

The linguistics concentration prepares students to pursue graduate work in linguistics, as well as careers in fields such as intercultural studies, translation, anthropology, and comparative studies. In the linguistics concentration, students sharpen their critical thinking, reading, and writing skills as they examine core areas of linguistic studies (e.g., phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, theory of second language acquisition, and sociolinguistics).

### What types of work are related to this degree?

Research  
Curriculum development  
Foreign language instruction  
Information/library science  
Search engine optimization  
Database development  
Language documentation  
Text mining research  
Translation  
Interpretation  
Forensic linguistics  
Speech pathology  
Research  
Editing  
Teaching

### Who employs people with this degree?

Universities and colleges  
Language institutes  
Testing companies  
Search engine companies  
Computer companies  
Software developers  
Police departments  
Federal Government  
Hospitals  
Speech, language & learning centers  
Developmental learning centers  
Consulting firms  
Publishers  
International businesses  
Law firms

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at [ONETonline.org](https://www.onetonline.org)**

### Strategies for Success:

- Depending on your desired line of work, a Master’s or Doctoral degree could be required. Be sure you learn about the graduate school admissions process in order to prepare yourself appropriately.
- Electives allow space for you study a particular area in more depth. Common areas of study that are paired with linguistics include: foreign language, computer science, and psychology.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in your desired line of work and learn more about their career journey. This will help inform your career and professional development.
- Consider studying abroad as a supplement to your education.
- Read professional journals and educate yourself on current trends in the field.
- Pursue an internship that gives you relevant experience.

### Professional Associations:

Linguistic Society of America  
American Association for Applied Linguistics  
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages  
Association for Computation Linguistics  
Association for Linguistic Typology

International Cognitive Linguistics Association  
Society for Linguistic Anthropology  
International Linguistics Association

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with the Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on theROCK, Career Development tab.