

Why study Linguistics?

WHAT IS LINGUISTICS?

Linguistics is the scientific study of language. It involves exploring major questions such as:

What are the building blocks of language? How are these building blocks arranged? How do languages vary? How do children acquire language? Why do only humans acquire language? What is language used for? How does language intersect with social identities? How do languages change over time?

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

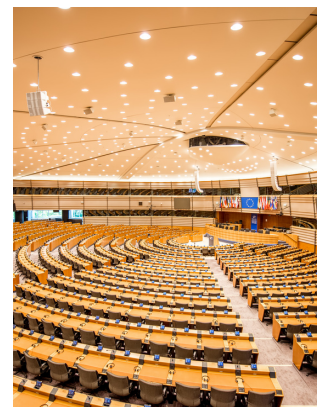
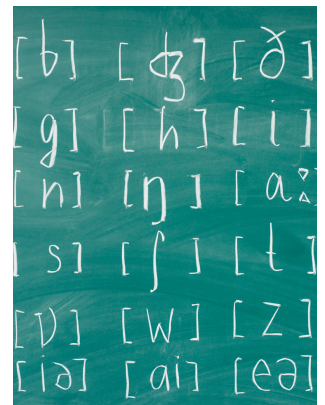
The first year modules in Linguistics are designed to lead to an understanding of the main areas in Linguistics and are designed to allow students to start dealing with the key issues in Linguistics from the start.

- LING 10010 - Language and Communication
- LING 10020 - Language Acquisition and Disruption
- LING 10030 - Sounds in Language
- LING 10040 - Words and Sentences

The modules in the second and final years build on these modules to deepen your understanding of the nature of Language.

CAREER & GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES?

The study of Linguistics opens up a broad range of career options due to the fact that language is involved in so many facets of life and work. The training that Linguistics provides can form the basis of a career in language teaching. It can also lead to a career in publishing. The link with Clinical Sciences leads to careers in Speech and Language therapy. The link with Computer Science and Cognitive Science can lead to careers in information technology, natural language processing, grammar checkers and so on. There are also Masters and PhD programmes in Linguistics which you can enroll in after you complete your BA.





CAO Code	Joint Honours (DN520)	BA Humanities - Languages, Linguistics and Cultures (DN530)	BSc Social Sciences as a minor with Sociology, Philosophy, Geography or Politics & Int. Relations (DN700)
Length of course	4 Years with Erasmus, 3 without	4 Years (includes internship, study abroad)	4 years
Entry requirements	O6/H7 in English, Irish, a third language and three other recognised subjects	O6/H7 in English, Irish, Maths and 3 other recognised subjects	

INTERNATIONAL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Students studying Linguistics have spent part of their undergraduate programme studying in places including Germany, France, Spain, New Zealand, South America, the US and Japan. They have benefited from the opportunity to pursue their studies in new environments, exploring their knowledge of the nature of language as they deal with new languages or dialects. The opportunity to study abroad allows students to explore the different ways languages are used. There is nowhere in the world that humans don't use language. You will find that your studies in Linguistics will enhance your travels by allowing you to explore more readily the languages that you encounter. Even if you have never studied a second language, you will be amazed at the varieties of language that you come across around the world, and the different ways that language and culture interact in people's lives.

STUDENT TESTIMONIES

"I really enjoyed studying Linguistics in UCD. I wasn't really sure what Linguistics was when I started it in first year, but after a few weeks I was hooked. I found the material really interesting and the lecturers were very approachable and helpful. My studies in Linguistics were very important in developing the critical thinking skills and the research skills that are crucial for my studies now."

Sophia Pallaro (Phd candidate)

"I am currently working as a Speech and Language therapist. My BA in Linguistics in UCD was a great help to me in my later studies to become a speech and language therapist. I learned so much about the nature of language and language use, and the classes were always lively and engaging I would recommend Linguistics to anyone, but especially to someone interested in pursuing a career in Speech and Language therapy."

Adrian Bradley (Speech and Language Therapist)

