

# What can I do with my studies in Linguistics

## Depending on my interests and experience, possible job titles:

- Teacher / Instructor / Second Language Teacher
- English Legal Editor / Editor
- Manager of Information Services
- Lexicographer
- Proof-reader
- Translator
- Researcher
- Linguist
- Speech & Language Software Developer

Try searching for the job titles shown on this page at either [jobbank.gc.ca](http://jobbank.gc.ca) or [careercruising.com](http://careercruising.com), where you'll find career descriptions, profiles and job outlooks (login details for Career Cruising available by contacting CaPS).

## Possible job titles outside my area of study:

### Education

- Academic Advisor
- Educator / Trainer
- Information Science Educator
- Scientific Illustrator
- Alumni Relations Officer

### Communications

- Writer / Author / Columnist
- Editor
- Reporter / Correspondent
- Journalist
- Technical Writer
- Publisher
- Producer
- Executive Producer
- Web Developer / Producer

The information in this handout will provide you with ideas as to some typical careers/jobs that are associated with your degree, along with alternative careers that may not be as directly related to what you have studied. This by no means implies that these jobs are the only options you have. These careers are just samples of what you can do if you have the appropriate skills and experience.

### Business

- Management Consultant
- Benefits Officer
- Marketing Specialist / Representative
- Quality Control / Quality Assurance Specialist
- Public Relations Consultant
- Market Researcher
- Recruiter
- Human Resources Specialist
- Job Analyst
- Trading Assistant
- Investment Advisor
- Entrepreneur / Venture Capitalist
- Actuary

### Other

- Patent Agent
- Technology Transfer Officer
- Informatics Specialist
- Policy Analyst
- Laboratory Assistant
- Administrative Assistant
- Data Management Administrator
- Production Manager
- Ground Operations Supervisor

## With additional education/ training or experience:

- Speech Language Pathologist
- Linguistic Planning Officer
- Professor / Lecturer
- Audiologist
- Psycholinguist
- Linguistic Anthropologist
- Sociolinguist

If you're feeling a bit lost and you're curious about your future career options, we encourage undergrads to register for the [Undergrad Hive](#) career exploration program. Feel free to come by the CAPS office to make an appointment with a career advisor to discuss your career options and job search strategies.

## Related Skills:

- Knowledge of the origins, structure and function of language
- Awareness of the role of language in transmitting culture
- Awareness of how language conditions not only what we think but how we think
- Awareness of the contribution of different cultures/languages to Western Culture/language and vice versa
- Language and writing skills
- Analytical thinking skills
- Exceptional oral communication skills
- Ability to listen and comprehend
- Strong written communication skills
- Research and organizational skills
- Ability to synthesize information
- Skills in writing carefully reasoned reports
- Ability to integrate knowledge from a number of disciplines
- Skills in analysing and understanding complex problems and identifying solutions

## Areas of Employment:

- Advertising Agencies
- Community Health Agencies
- Educational Institutions
- Government Agencies
- High-Tech Industries
- Hospitals
- Information Technology Companies
- Laboratories
- Language Institutions
- Law Firms
- Publication Industries
- Private Practice
- Public & Private Sectors
- Research Institutions

## Associations & Websites:

- Association des travailleurs autonomes et microentreprises en services linguistiques  
<https://linguistech.ca/>
- Canadian Linguistic Association  
<http://cla-acl.ca/>
- Canadian Translators, Terminologists and Interpreters Council  
<http://www.cttic.org/>
- Editors' Association of Canada  
<https://www.editors.ca/>
- Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States  
<http://lacus.weebly.com/>
- Linguistic Society of America  
<https://www.linguisticsociety.org/>
- The Linguist List  
<https://linguistlist.org/>
- Permanent International Committee of Linguists  
<http://www.ciplnet.com/>