English (Linguistics), BA

Prepare yourself to thrive in a global society by exploring the origin and use of language in a variety of cultures. Enter a promising field of study that prepares you for a variety of careers or for graduate study, including ASU’s accelerated English linguistics program, BA/MTESOL or BA/MA (linguistics or applied linguistics).

Program Description

Students in the linguistics concentration of the BA program in English focus on study of the history and structure of language. Students have the opportunity to study with distinguished faculty actively engaged in scholarly research and to gain practical experience through internships that prepare them for an ever-expanding variety of careers. The program also prepares students to continue their studies in graduate and professional programs.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit The College's website for more information and requirements.

https://thecollege.asu.edu/concurrent-and-second-baccalaureate-degrees

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General
Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a “double major”) earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Linguistics and Applied Linguistics, MA
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, MTESOL

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.  
[Freshman](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.app.asu.edu](https://changemajor.app.asu.edu) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU™](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help
students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Study abroad expands students' perspectives by exposing them to new and unique cultures, communities and people. Students can explore the English language at a deeper level through an extended lens of dialects, literature and terminology in one of over 250 study abroad programs. Students enhance their resumes with educational experience and heightened cultural competency, communication and critical thinking skills gained through study abroad. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in English with a concentration in linguistics: https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/english.

Career Opportunities

With a degree in English, students' career options are virtually endless. Employers in all fields are always looking for workers with strong writing and other communication skills and the ability to think critically. Some of the most common professions for English majors are in these fields:

- business
- journalism
- law
- nonprofit community service
- professional writing and editing
- public relations
- publishing
- teaching
- web content development

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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