

English (Linguistics), BA

LAENGNBA


Prepare yourself to thrive in a global society by exploring the origin and use of language in a variety of cultures. Enter an exciting field of study that prepares you for a multitude of careers.

Program description

The BA in English with a concentration in linguistics examines 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, including ASU's accelerated English linguistics program: BA/MTESOL or BA/MA in linguistics or applied linguistics.

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.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

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 plus 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. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) 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.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Conceptual expertise: Graduates of this program will be able to identify foundational concepts, topics and concerns in linguistics and applied linguistics.
- Analytical expertise: Graduates of this program will be able to analyze and solve language- and communication-related problems by identifying and applying appropriate linguistic and applied linguistic tools and theory.
- Disciplinary and domain expertise: Graduates of this program will be able to extend their knowledge of the various forms and functions of language and how that relates to the major domains or subfields of linguistics and applied linguistics.

Global opportunities

Global experience

[Studying abroad](#) expands students' perspectives by exposing them to new and distinct 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 more than 300 study abroad programs.

Students' resumes are enhanced with the educational experience and heightened cultural competency, communication and critical thinking skills they gain through study abroad programs.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends these [study abroad programs for students majoring in English with a concentration in linguistics](#).

Career opportunities

Degree programs in English prepare students for graduate studies in a number of programs, including English, creative writing, education, law and business. They also lead to a variety of careers in diverse fields. Employers seek those with strong writing and communication skills and the ability to think critically. Some of the most common professions for English majors are in the fields of:



- business
- journalism
- law

- nonprofit service
- publishing

Graduates often find roles where they spend time:

- developing web content
- editing
- managing public relations
- teaching
- writing professional and technical content

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Communications Specialist</u>	3.7%	\$73,150
<u>Editor</u>		\$73,080
<u>English Professor</u>	1.2%	\$74,280
<u>Freelance Writer</u>	3.7%	\$73,150
<u>High School Teacher</u>	1.0%	\$62,360
<u>SEO Specialist</u> 	13.4%	\$68,230
<u>Technical Writer</u> 	6.9%	\$79,960
<u>Translator</u>	4.3%	\$53,640

* 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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