

Lancaster
University



Linguistics and English Language
Undergraduate Degrees 2026



Welcome

Are you intrigued by the complex ways we communicate and how we use language to persuade and influence others? Or, fascinated by how we acquire language, how English has evolved and continues to change and differs from other languages? Become a part of our vibrant academic community to explore these topics and many others.

We're one of the UK's largest teams of teachers of linguistics and English language, covering a very broad spectrum of specialisms. But we're not just big: we are globally recognised for our excellence, ranked 3rd in the world according to the QS World University Rankings 2025.

Our courses are comprehensive yet flexible. They are designed for you to tailor them to your interests. You'll learn from academics known for their exceptional teaching, who will provide not just expertise but also mentorship and support.

Ranked 4th in the UK for linguistics graduate prospects (Times Good University Guide 2025), we're committed to launching our students into a wide range of successful careers. Whether you're drawn to a traditional role such as speech therapy and teaching English, or to a career in management, publishing, digital marketing or beyond, our degrees are a great gateway to the ever-evolving job market.

We're really excited to welcome you into our community of linguistics and English language enthusiasts and scholars. Together, let us explore the limitless potential of language and the myriad ways we use it to shape our world.





Degree title		Degree (Hons)	UCAS code	Course duration (years)	Typical A level offer
Linguistics		BA	Q100	3	AAB
Linguistics (Placement Year)	🎓	BA	Q101	4	AAB
Linguistics (Study Abroad)	✈️	BA	Q103	4	AAB
Language Sciences		BSc	Q110	3	AAB
Language Sciences (Placement Year)	🎓	BSc	Q111	4	AAB
Language Sciences (Study Abroad)	✈️	BSc	Q112	4	AAB
English Language		BA	Q304	3	AAB
English Language (Placement Year)	🎓	BA	Q305	4	AAB
English Language (Study Abroad)	✈️	BA	Q311	4	AAB
English Language and Linguistics		BA	QQC3	3	AAB
English Language and Linguistics (Placement Year)	🎓	BA	QQC4	4	AAB
English Language and Linguistics (Study Abroad)	✈️	BA	QQC6	4	AAB
Psychology and Linguistics		BA	CQ81	3	AAB

Visit our website for more information on degree options, scholarships and entry requirements [lancaster.ac.uk](https://www.lancaster.ac.uk)

Made for *learning*

We are a large linguistics and English language team, and our academics cover a wide range of different specialisms. They will teach you from day one in classes designed to challenge you, and you'll benefit greatly from their expertise during your lectures, seminars, tutorials, and supervisions.

Teaching

We are passionate about our subject and infuse our teaching with our research. Our staff are research active, meaning the lecturers teaching you are also undertaking innovative research in their specialist fields. Most members of staff have written widely used textbooks. We are both caring and friendly, providing our students with regular meetings with an academic advisor.

You will learn through a combination of:

- + interactive lectures
- + small-group seminars
- + lab-based workshops
- + group-work
- + independent study
- + research

Typically each module has weekly lectures, a virtual learning environment with materials and lecture recordings, and further contact possibilities with tutors and other students. Each student will have a dedicated supervisor for their final-year project.

Facilities

We have some outstanding resources. These include fully equipped laboratories for:

- + eye-tracking
- + phonetics
- + EEG (electroencephalography)
- + child language analysis

These facilities are used by undergraduate students, postgraduate students and staff for a variety of research projects, such as:

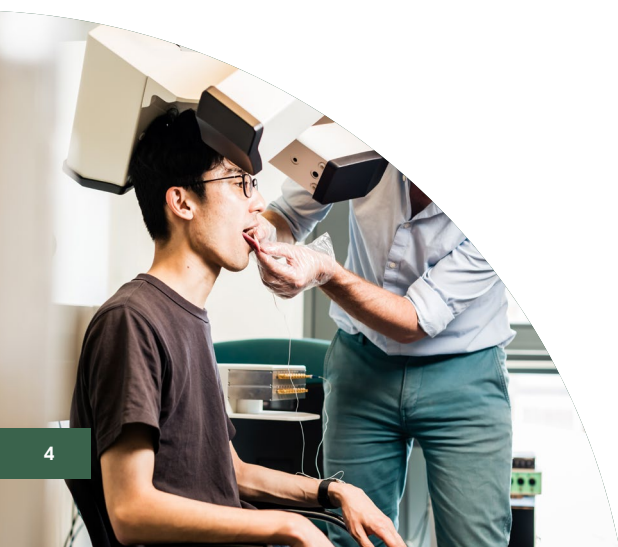
- + Eye movements and linguistic processing during second language learning
- + Ultrasound images of tongue movements in bilingual speakers
- + Brain activity while encoding messages about time in a variety of languages
- + Children's cognitive development

Assessment

Assessment types are varied, including essays, projects, oral presentations, group reports/exercises, multiple-choice tests and examinations. Some modules are assessed 100% on coursework, and some are split 40% coursework and 60% exam.

Home of the British National Corpus

We are home to an internationally renowned multi-million word resource for studying the English language, which you will have privileged access to as a student for your learning and assignments.



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BA Hons English
Language

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Sofiya, graduated 2024

In my second year, some of my favourite modules included topics such as language origin and evolution, which delved into evolutionary linguistics, and child language acquisition, which explored all levels of phonological, phonetic, and pragmatic development in children's speech.

I began working at the preschool on campus, where I actively applied my studies in the real world, witnessing the crucial aspects of child development for myself.

I developed a passion for communication and learning, leading me to apply for postgraduate teacher training courses. Following this line of interest, my dissertation explored the representation of teachers in the UK Department for Education's 'Get into Teaching' campaign. My dissertation supervisor was attentive and supportive throughout the whole process.

It makes such a difference to be fully supported in your studies, as it makes room for everything else university has to offer.

Gain *real-world* experience

We know you want to graduate confident and ready to step into your career. That's why we make it easy to incorporate work experience into your time at Lancaster.

Your ambitions are important to us, and we will help you build the skills you need to succeed by offering a range of placement and internship opportunities.

Placement year

You can opt to study your degree with a placement year (also known as a year in industry). On this degree you spend your third year working in a graduate-level, professional job in a sector of your choice before returning to complete your final year at Lancaster University. Securing a placement is a competitive process and we support you with personalised coaching and professional guidance.

Research internships - SPRINT and TRINITY

Every year, we provide funded internships where second and third year students are given the opportunity to work with members of staff on research projects. SPRINT students work intensively on the same project for one month during the summer vacation. Term-time research internship (TRINITY) students work one day per week during term-time, moving between a variety of tasks and projects. During the internships, you learn specific research skills and gain experience working alongside dedicated members of staff. This prepares you well for postgraduate study in language-related areas and work in research-intensive fields.

Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Internship Scheme

You'll gain sector-relevant work experience with these paid internships. Apply in all years of study for opportunities in areas such as public affairs, marketing, business development and events. The scheme is delivered by our faculty employability team, who are here to support your access to direct work experience while you study.



The Lancaster Award

The Lancaster Award is a non-academic certificate developed in partnership with employers to help you make the most of your time at Lancaster and to demonstrate the skills you have developed along the way. It is designed to reward the wide range of volunteering activities and placements undertaken by many of our undergraduates. Potential employers increasingly value a profile that includes more than just strong academic results, and the Lancaster Award recognises and validates this.

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Ellie, final year

BA Hons Linguistics

I have had the opportunity to explore a breadth of different linguistic topics within my course. I have developed a particular interest in phonetics and phonology, which I studied in detail in my second and third years, with modules on English phonetics and sounds of the world's languages. During these modules, we used software like Praat to understand acoustic and auditory features of speech in much closer detail.

I was also able to take part in the TRINITY internship opportunity in my second year, helping upkeep Dr Johnny Unger's GLARE website. This taught me so much about software like WordPress, as well as introducing me to the Zotero reference manager, which was a lifesaver in my dissertation!

Outside of my course, I am an active member of the society Lancaster University Theatre Group (LUTG). Having been on the 23/24 exec and having acted and directed many times, I've found so many lifelong friends, as well as kept my love for theatre and acting alive in such a collaborative and supportive environment.

I was able to combine both my interests in phonetics and acting for my dissertation, focusing on accent performance in acted roles. This was a perfect blend of the two passions I have developed at university, which I feel has set me up well for whatever the future may bring!



Ottawa, Canada

Your global *experience*

Lancaster is a truly international university, with students and staff from over 100 different countries and partner institutions around the world. Your global experience is about living and learning with people from different cultures whether through your course, your college or your students' union.

Study abroad

You can choose to study your degree with a study abroad year. On these four-year degrees, you spend your third year studying at one of our partner universities abroad. Our current partners are in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, Sweden and the USA, although availability of destinations varies each year.

Living in another country and studying from a different perspective enhances your subject knowledge and develops resourcefulness for life after university.

Vacation travel and overseas summer schools

You can also discover the world during your vacations. We run short trips to destinations such as China, Germany, Ghana, Malaysia and Switzerland. These trips include meeting local students and businesses as well as some academic study and cultural discovery.

In addition, you can attend summer schools at one of our many overseas partners.

Find out more at lancaster.ac.uk/your-global-experience



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Lancaster University

Carleton University,
Canada

Sonia

BA Hons Linguistics
(Study Abroad)

I spent my study abroad year at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada and it was hands down the best year of my life.

Having never been to Canada, I was excited to see what it had to offer, and it did not disappoint. I was offered so many new opportunities, from skating on the Rideau Canal and hiking around the stunning Gatineau Park in autumn to exploring brand new cities. Ottawa was the perfect base for me to settle, with such easy connections to Montreal, Toronto and Quebec City, all of which I was lucky enough to visit, making memories of a lifetime. I also met so many incredible people whom I can now call friends for life, and I am already eager to return. One of my favourite parts was experiencing the different culture, including the variety of sports games I was able to watch live – from ice hockey and American football to, my favourite, basketball.

The support of Lancaster and Carleton universities before, during and after my experience was second to none and the teaching at Carleton was amazing. Not only have I grown in confidence and independence, but I have a new found love for travelling. Even though at times there were challenges, they are outweighed by the invaluable skills I gained and by a new appreciation for trying new things.

If you are looking for the all-round university experience, a chance to travel whilst experiencing a new culture, as well as meeting incredible people from all around the world, studying abroad is an option I couldn't recommend more highly.

English Language

BA (Hons)

Digital innovations are created, science is advanced, and business is conducted in English. Explore the kaleidoscope of English variation – its regional dialects, storytellers, and ways of looking at the world – and discover how English works.

Understanding where English came from, how it works, how it is used and how it is changing is key to understanding our societies, identities, institutions and practices, as well as the place of English in the creative world.

On this degree, you will study fundamental issues such as the history and development of English, its sounds and structures and the varieties of English in the UK and beyond. You will learn too how technology can be harnessed to study patterns in the structures and use of English across large databases.

Our extensive catalogue of optional modules will also give you the chance to look at the way English is used in a broad range of contexts. They may include advertising, politics, media, literature, teaching, business and the law.

You will gain a skillset that opens doors to a range of exciting and rewarding careers, in sectors as diverse as marketing, journalism, education and publishing. Transferable skills include a capacity for critical thinking, an ability to gather, organise and analyse large quantities of data, and an aptitude for developing new and innovative ideas.

Enhancing your curriculum

We continually review and enhance our course curricula to ensure we are delivering the best possible learning experience, and to make sure that the subject knowledge and transferable skills you develop will prepare you for your future. Information within this publication with respect to courses and modules is correct at the time of publication, and the University will make every reasonable effort to offer courses and modules as advertised. In some cases, changes may be necessary and may result in new modules or some modules and combinations being unavailable, for example as a result of student feedback, timetabling, staff changes and new research.

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Placement year degrees

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Year 1

Core Modules

Foundations of Language

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English across Space and Time

You will gain an insight into the way English was standardised and into the complex role that prescriptivism plays in the language. You will also come to appreciate that English is ever-changing, from its origins to the way it continues to evolve, and how the language differs depending on who is speaking it where.

English in Use

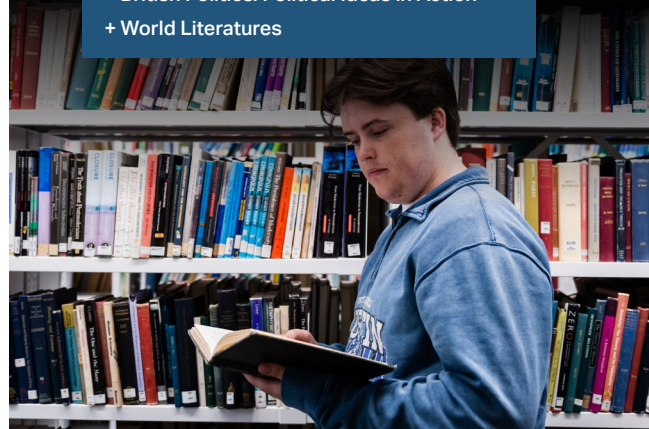
You will explore how English is used in real-world contexts. You will be introduced to the role of English in media, diving into how it shapes news and what it looks like online. You will also study creative uses of English, for instance, in literature and learn how to analyse the style of texts.

Making Sense of Justice

How do we make sense of justice? What issues of justice and injustice do the Social Sciences explore? You will explore the ways in which subjects in the School of Social Sciences approach and make sense of injustices and justice.

Optional Modules

- + Linguistic Inquiry and Application
- + Language in Mind and Society
- + British Cinema
- + Modern Britain
- + British Politics: Political Ideas in Action
- + World Literatures





Year 2

Core Modules

Corpus Linguistics, Language and Society in a Data-Driven World

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English Grammar

Gain a deeper understanding of how English grammar works, how it has been studied and how it varies across different contexts – such as spoken versus written language and in different genres. You will explore prescriptive and pedagogical approaches to English grammar too.

English Phonetics

Why does English sound the way it does? What aspects of English accents vary? And how do listeners perceive that variation? This module will explore those questions, applying the methods of articulatory and acoustic phonetics to the study of spoken English.

Plus one from:

Employability, Purpose and Social Impact
Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions
Cultural Diversity and Professional Contexts
Taking an Idea and Making it Happen

Optional Modules

- + Structures of the World's Languages
- + Sounds of the World's Languages
- + Computational Approaches and their Applications for Language
- + Language Acquisition
- + Discourse Studies
- + Language and Creativity in Advertising
- + Language and Pedagogic Practice
- + Professional Communication

Final Year

Core Modules

Language and Social Identities

How is language related to how we see ourselves and others see us? This module explores notions of social identity in language, focusing on English. You will engage with language and gender research, address issues of power and inequality, examine how context shapes language choice in multilingual England and more.

Language Variation and Change in English

You will examine the (socio)linguistic dimensions along which English varies and the (extra)linguistic processes that have changed it over time – within and beyond its traditional heartlands. This examination will also introduce you to key research in variationist and historical linguistics.

Plus one from:

Technology and Social Justice
Queer Futures
People Power, Community Engagement and Collective Action
Confronting the Climate Crisis
The Power of Ideas
Artistic Fusions

Optional Modules

- + Cognitive Linguistics
- + Advanced Phonetics and Phonology
- + Linguistics and English Language Dissertation 1: From Questions to Methods
- + Linguistics and English Language Dissertation 2: From Collecting Data to Analysis and Writing
- + Forensic Linguistics
- + Language, Cognition and Culture
- + Psycholinguistics
- + Language and Media
- + Pragmatics

Linguistics

BA (Hons)

Linguists at Lancaster takes pride in the practical applications of their work as well as its academic significance. Research on phonetics, grammar and pragmatics informs work in medicine, marketing and speech sciences as well as work in forensics and policy-making.

You will examine the sounds and structures of the world's languages, what unites them and what differentiates them. You will also learn to use software to examine vast text databases and uncover patterns in language.

Our extensive catalogue of optional modules will also give you the chance to study the way language is used in a wide range of contexts – such as advertising, politics, media and business. You may also choose to learn more about how people acquire languages or about how machines comprehend and produce language in computational linguistics.

With our linguistics degree, you will have the opportunity to develop skills in data collection and processing, speech analysis, computer programming and more. These skills will prepare you for careers in a variety of sectors – including speech and language therapy, marketing, language technology and cognitive science.

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Linguistic Inquiry and Applications

You will be introduced to the fundamentals of collecting and analysing language data – from historical sources to experiments and interviews. You will also explore important areas where those methods are put into practice – in legal or literacy contexts, for instance.

Language in Mind and Society

You will examine the relationship between language and the mind, the different ways language intersects with society and the connection between mind and society in language. You will, for instance, explore brain damage's effects on language and multiple languages coexisting in individuals and communities.

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Optional Modules

- + English across Space and Time
- + English in Use
- + Arabic
- + French
- + Spanish
- + Chinese
- + German
- + Italian
- + Knowledge and Reality
- + Ethics



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Structures of the World's Languages

What do the world's languages have in common and what sets them apart from each other? We explore this fundamental question in linguistics, with a focus on grammar, and introduce you to the field of linguistic typology.

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- + Language and Pedagogic Practice
- + Professional Communication

Final Year

Core Modules

Cognitive Linguistics

This module will introduce you to cognitive linguistics, one of the most important models in contemporary linguistics. It maintains that linguistic organisation reflects and is dependent on conceptual organisation, which you will explore in a variety of phenomena and applications.

Advanced Phonetics and Phonology

Take a journey through competing approaches to phonology as you discover the intriguing history of how the most prominent phonological theories have developed and explore the debates that have caused great controversy in the study of phonology over the past century.

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English Language and Linguistics

BA (Hons)

Language is the universal door to the worlds we live in. It's what we use to think, share, communicate emotion, create and wonder. What we do with language and how our societies, our texts and even our minds shape and are shaped by language use is the core of what this degree offers.

The nature of language and its role in shaping our social and cultural identities, our institutions and our collective thinking begins with understanding its principles, including its properties, development, variation and use. These same principles underpin exploration of the science of language, those areas of study in which linguistics intersects with psychology, the information sciences, and forensics.

When you study linguistics alongside English language, you examine how these issues relate specifically to English as well as language more generally as they – and you! – pursue the perfect mix of arts, humanities and science.

Why combine a specific focus on English with the study of linguistics more broadly? It is an opportunity to learn about the sounds and structures of English, whether you learned the language at home or as an additional language. The degree is an avenue for looking at the way language is learned and you'll be able to explore the way English is used across a range of different contexts, including advertising, media, literature and the law as well as how technologies that produce or process language work.

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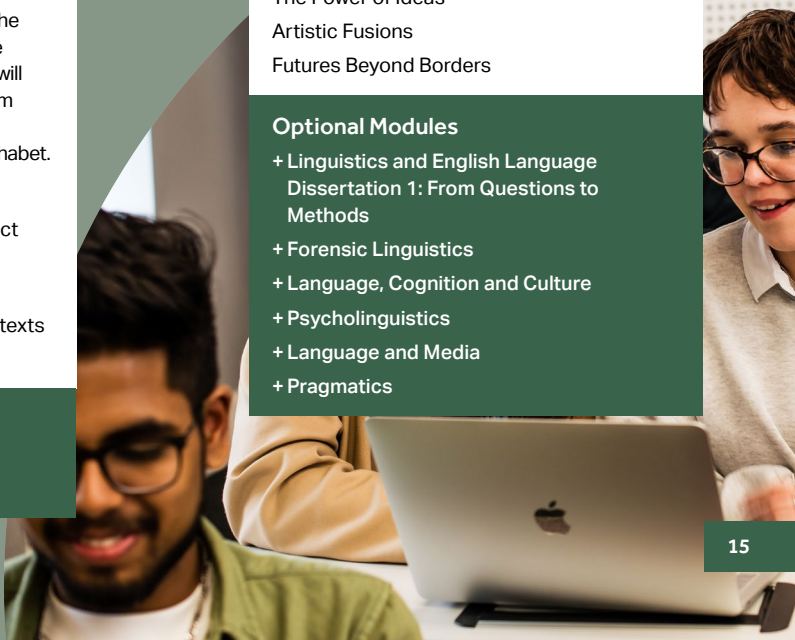
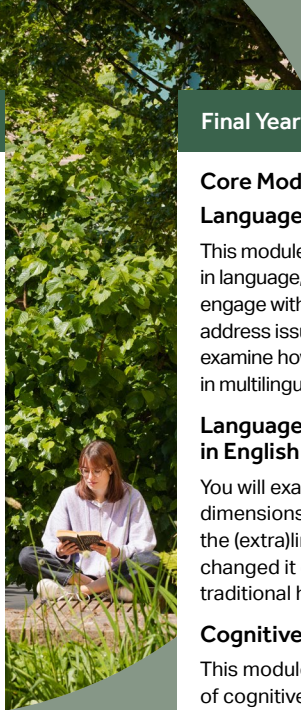
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Language Sciences

BSc Hons

Language is found in almost every aspect of human life, and in this degree, you will study it through the lens of science. You will be learning about how language is constructed and how it is used for communication and expression, as well as discovering how studying language from a scientific perspective intersects with other scientific fields, such as cognitive science, psychology, computer science and forensic science.

Drawing on our research, you will study topics such as the structures and sounds of the world's languages and what unites them. You will also learn about how children acquire their first language and how adults learn other languages. You will explore too how machines comprehend and produce language in computational linguistics and how you can use software to examine vast text databases in corpus linguistics.

You can specialise in areas such as psycholinguistics – studying how linguistic behaviour relates to psychological processes – or linguistic relativity – investigating to what extent the language you speak influences the way you think. You can also focus on forensic linguistics – the application of linguistic knowledge and methods to legal contexts.

You'll develop hands-on skills in experimental methods, computing and quantitative data analysis, as well as the ability to communicate complex ideas and findings. These skills are in demand by employers and could give you a competitive edge when applying to jobs in sectors such as language technology, data science, speech and language therapy and more.

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- + Developmental Psychology and Neuropsychology
- + Cognitive and Social Psychology
- + Computing Essentials
- + Explaining Criminology
- + Researching Crime and Criminals



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Computational Approaches and their Applications for Language

It is difficult to talk about language nowadays without also talking about AI and technology. Society has access to translation technologies, speech recognition systems, generative AI and more. This module will introduce you to the fundamental concepts and mechanisms that power these technologies.

Language Acquisition

You will explore how children acquire language – without any formal teaching – by comparing nativist and usage-based approaches. You will also examine second language acquisition and bilingual and deaf children's language development.

Plus one from:

Employability, Purpose and Social Impact

Global Challenges and Collaborative Solutions

Cultural Diversity and Professional Contexts

Taking an Idea and Making it Happen

Final Year

Core Modules

Cognitive Linguistics

This module introduces you to principles of cognitive linguistics, one of the most important models in contemporary linguistics.

Advanced Phonetics and Phonology

Take a journey through approaches to phonology over time and explore the controversial debates in this area of study.

Dissertation 1: From Questions to Methods

Learn more about a topic of personal interest in this module. With a supervisor's support, you'll identify a gap in the literature, develop research questions and design a study.

Dissertation 2: From Collecting Data to Analysis and Writing

You'll complete an independent study on a topic of your choice. With a supervisor's support, you'll collect and analyse data and write up your research.

Forensic Linguistics

Explore how linguistic expertise is applied in intelligence, evidential, and judicial contexts. You will engage with questions such as 'can we determine whether someone is lying from their voice or words?'

Language, Cognition and Culture

Have you ever wondered what the world looks like in other languages? To answer it, you will explore, for instance, how people speaking different languages perceive colour differently or think of time differently.

Psycholinguistics

This module is about the psychology of language. You'll explore how the brain helps us learn languages and process language and how language experience can shape the brain itself.

Plus one from:

Technology and Social Justice

Queer Futures

People Power, Community Engagement and Collective Action

Confronting the Climate Crisis

The Power of Ideas

Artistic Fusions

Futures Beyond Borders

Optional Modules

+ Language Variation and Change in English

+ Pragmatics

Careers and *employability*

We emphasise careers from the very beginning of your degree, a factor that contributes to the success of our graduates in the workplace.

Work experience

We offer a variety of internships and other opportunities throughout your degree that enable you to gain work experience, make professional contacts and help you decide your future career path.

Careers

Language study is not just about facts, but learning a range of skills in data management and analysis, the evaluation of evidence, and the synthesis and presentation of results. These are exactly the kinds of skills that today's employers are looking for.



Here are some typical areas that may be of interest to you:

- + Speech and language therapy
- + Teaching (primary, secondary, and English as a foreign language abroad)
- + Journalism, media and publishing
- + Speech technology
- + Public relations
- + Publishing
- + Management

The University Careers Service offers dedicated career support and has connections with some of the world's top graduate recruiters, high growth businesses and employers across diverse sectors. Careers fairs, workshops, and networking opportunities are organised throughout the year.



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Ellen, final year

**BA Hons English Language and
Linguistics**

Hi, I'm Ellen, a final-year English Language and Linguistics student who applied here from Canada! Before starting my degree, I'd never even heard of Lancaster, let alone imagined studying here. I had a feeling I couldn't go wrong with a course ranked third best in the world... and I was right. Let me tell you why...

English Language and Linguistics at Lancaster has something for everyone. Amongst my classmates, we all have a passion for language, but we shape our degrees in different ways. My closest friends want to become speech therapists, accent coaches, second language teachers, or copywriters.

Your degree sets you up for success, and that's what Lancaster does best. For me, the best decision I made was undertaking a placement year at one of the UK's leading digital marketing companies. I wrote websites for small businesses, revamped the company chatbot, developed AI conversational agents, and ultimately realised I wanted to pursue a career in project management.

These experiences helped me secure a graduate role in finance, proving that if you study what you love, you'll develop the skills to succeed in any industry. Whether you have a career path in mind or are still figuring it out, a degree in English Language and Linguistics at Lancaster will open doors you may never have expected. You'll have the best years of your life debating accents, analysing forensic voice comparison cases, and getting asked how many languages you speak (even if you only speak English like me)!



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