

Studying linguistics will teach you to detect subtle details, to solve problems, and to recognize patterns in the world around you. Linguistics develops scientific reasoning skills as well as a deeper understanding of culture and society. Alumni pursue careers as:

- Consultants
- Data scientists
- Physicians
- Speech-language pathologists
- Software engineers
- Translators

“ Studying linguistics forces you to address preconceived notions and turn them on their heads. In the tech industry, where disruption is the norm and not the exception, being able to critically examine—and challenge—established standards is crucial. This skill has benefited me time and time again. ”

Kat Li, '09, MA '11  
Product manager, Facebook

“ I cannot put a value on the lessons I learned outside of the classroom, working alongside professors and doctoral candidates on publishable experiments and projects. Even though I've moved on from academia into industry, that research experience informs how I break apart the everyday issues I encounter today. ”

J.W. Tsu, '11  
Web developer, Electric Imp, Inc.

# Linguistics

**WHAT DO ALL LANGUAGES SHARE, AND WHAT MAKES EACH UNIQUE?**

**HOW IS LANGUAGE BOTH A BIOLOGICAL AND A SOCIAL PHENOMENON?**

**HOW DO WE ACQUIRE LANGUAGE?**



## START HERE

Linguistics is the scientific study of language. Learn to analyze the structure of individual languages and discover the elements common to all languages. Because language is central to human interaction, linguistics is situated at the intersection of the humanities and the social, biological, cognitive, and behavioral sciences.

Master all the fundamentals of linguistic analysis: sounds, meanings, words, grammar, and discourse. Then delve deeper with courses like:

- *African American Vernacular English*
- *Introduction to Psycholinguistics*
- *Language and Gender*
- *Language and Society*

## VOICES OF CALIFORNIA PROJECT

Wash or warsh?

Greasy or greazy?

PEEcan or PeKAHN?

In the Voices of California Project, you can investigate how English is spoken in different parts of this huge, diverse state by interviewing residents and documenting the range of language use.

Through this research, you will capture people's experience in their own words to learn how they perceive their communities, their regions, and themselves.

## EXPLORE LINGUISTICS

Learn to make observations, formulate and test hypotheses, construct arguments, draw conclusions, and communicate your findings through class projects. Work with speakers of various languages to discover patterns, search web and conversation-based databases, and take part in groundbreaking research to explore how language works.

**PICTURED:** *African American Vernacular English course*