

Achieving an excellent education is about many things: becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, for example. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a **wide variety of career paths.**

Depth of knowledge generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an **incredibly important set of more general skills:** to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, **Linguistics majors** offer an array of skills which are **highly valued by employers** from all sectors.

Many Possibilities. Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it does require you to be more *proactive* in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

Ready for the Work World. The top five critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey were:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize

You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.

JOB SKILLS RELATED TO NEAR LINGUISTICS MAJORS

Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that employers value:

Read/interpret/synthesize complex material

See situations from multiple perspectives

Produce effective persuasive writing

Design and implement engaging presentations

Understand linguistic nuance and subtlety

Handle ambiguity adeptly

Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving

Understand the broader context

Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data

Link abstract concepts to practical applications

Understand human nature & its variations

Evaluate and manage linguistic data

Identify and explore implications

Propose and support recommendations

Simultaneously see big picture and details

Engage intellectual curiosity

Conduct research

Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative

Work well individually and on teams

Understand & appreciate cultural diversity

Understand how "data" can be interpreted in multiple ways

And many more!

NEXT PAGE: ACTUAL JOBS IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES:

1. Linguistics is *required or preferred* and the job's *primary* responsibilities directly relate to your major
2. Linguistics is *required or preferred* but job's *primary* responsibilities aren't directly related to your major
3. Linguistics *isn't required or preferred* but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified

*In some cases, actual employers are included to convey the variety of employers.
Remember that, usually, you needn't have every single qualification in order to apply.*

1. Linguistics may be *Required* and the job's *primary* responsibilities directly relate to your major:

R&D Data Mining Intern Job (Dex Media)
Research Linguist II (UnitedHealth Group)
Linguistic Consultant (oDesk)
Computational Linguist/Speech Scientist (Some experience required) (Lincoln Laboratories, MIT)
Assistant Content Developer (Alelo)
Terminologist/Computational Linguist, P3 (United Nations)
Qualitative Analyst with unique hedge fund (Mitra Capital LLC)
Linguists or Computational Linguists (International Consulting Group)
Linguistics Intern - Data Science Team (Oculus 360)
Computational Linguist (Digital Roots)
Linguist (Federal Bureau of Investigation / Central Intelligence Agency)

2. Linguistics may be *Required* or *Preferred* but *primary* responsibilities aren't directly related to major:

Analytical Linguist, Ads Human Evaluation (Grad degree required) (Google)
QC Specialist (GuideSpark)
Research Study Assistant (Northwestern University)
Language Annotation Program Manager (Amazon)
Research Specialist A (University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine)
Content Analyst (Ask.com)
Editorial Temp (National Geographic Magazine, International Editions)
User Researcher (Time Warner)
R&D Data Mining Intern (Dex Media)

3. Linguistics *isn't* required or preferred but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified:

Associate Account Strategist, SMB Sales, University Graduate (Google), Service Coordinator (Choice Program), Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases), Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute), Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center), Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies), Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds), Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living), Change Corps Assistant Organizing Director (Work for Progress), Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington), City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County), Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners), Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine), Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education), Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education), Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing), Immigration Assistant/Receptionist (Law Firm), Marketing Coordinator (Yext), Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM), Executive Team Leader (Target)
More: Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist

These are just some examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!