What can I do with my Major?

LINGUISTICS/PSYCHOLOGY

UCONN DEPARTMENT: Linguistics
To learn more about this major check out the department website or schedule a meeting with an academic advisor.

NATURE OF WORK
Linguistics majors are employed in many fields, but the general nature of their work is quite similar—they are breaking down human languages and studying them. Linguistic research can be broken down into computational, psycholinguistic, forensic, and specific languages, to name a few. Work can range from analyzing biomedical literature, which is text-mining and information extraction, to discourse and conversation analysis. Individuals in this major use their language expertise and apply it to different industries, such as business, law, and research. The nature of the work for a Psychology major is specific to the industry that one enters. Those in residential care work in a hands-on environment that requires constant teamwork and flexible schedules. The setting for individuals interested in social services depends on factors such as population, funding source, working hours, and client-specific issues. Human resource professionals handle employment and placement, salary administration, training, development, benefits administration, and research and information management. Therapists work in a client setting and must always be flexible. Finally, academia allows for research opportunities and some administrative duties.

Linguistics/Psychology prepares graduates with transferable skills and qualities that can be beneficial in a variety of industries and careers.

UCONN RESOURCES
Community Outreach Office
Community Service & Working with Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
Humanities House Learning Community
Linguistics Club at UConn
Psychology Club

Additional organizations (and the most current information) can be found at the UConn Student Activities website.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
American Association for Applied Linguistics
American Association of Language Specialists
American Dialect Society
Association for Computation Linguistics
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Linguistic Society of America

SAMPLE JOB TITLES
Visit O’Net and conduct an Occupation Quick Search of each job title to learn more about that career path.

Analyst
Anthropologist
Audiologist
CIA/FBI Special Agent
Client Service Specialist
Cognitive Scientist
Commentator
Computational Linguist
Editorial Assistant
Educational Administrator
ESL Instructor
Ethnologist
Foreign Language Teacher
Foreign News Journalist
Foreign Services Worker
Freelance Interpreter
Instructional Coordinator
Intelligence Specialist
Interpreter
Language Teacher/Professor
Language Consultant
Legislative Librarian Assistant
Lexicographer
Linguist
Migrant Family Liaison
Occupational Therapist
Program Coordinator
Production Assistant
Psychologist
Psychometrist
Social Worker
Speech Pathologist
Technical Writer
Translator
Vocational Rehab. Counselor

A liberal arts and sciences education develops critical thinking, written and oral communication, versatility and problem solving skills, which are valuable in any career and will help students adapt to an ever-changing world.