The goal of linguistics is to provide an objective and systematic study of the shared properties among human languages that can be observed in their sound systems and grammars. Though linguistics is fundamentally a humanistic discipline because of its subject matter, it is scientific in its goals and methods and has much in common with social sciences including psychology, anthropology, and sociology. The department of Linguistics offers two tracks: Track A is designed to give students familiarity with a broad range of subject areas and Track B is appropriate for students interested in research and plan to attend graduate school.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Communication and Media**  
Editor  
Technical Writer

**Health Professions**

Speech Pathologist/Therapist  
Audiologist  
Medical Doctor  
Researcher

**Science and Technology**  
Computer Programmer  
Speech Recognition  
Speech Production

**Education**  
Language Instructor  
College Professor  
ESL Instructor

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*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

Basic Computer Skills  
Language Fluency  
Editing  
Expressing Ideas  
Provide/Respond to Feedback  
Speaking Effectively  
Technical Writing  
Use Technology Effectively  
Cultural Understanding  
Service Orientation  
Social Perceptiveness  
Teaching/Instructioning Others  
Gathering Information  
Identifying Problems  
Research Skills  
Setting Goals  
Adaptability/Flexibility  
Attention to Detail  
Initiative  
Punctuality  
Administrative Skills  
Organization Skills  
Planning  
Prioritizing Tasks  
Quantitative Reasoning  
Analytical/Critical Thinking  
Problem Solving

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**Professional Links:**

Underlings – Undergraduate Linguistics Club at The Ohio State University: [http://underlings.org.ohio-state.edu/site/](http://underlings.org.ohio-state.edu/site/)


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