

Possible Occupations			Potential Employers		Skills To Develop & How To Gain Experience	
Business	Customer Service	Human Resources	Consulting companies	Schools and education systems. City recreation departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build computer skills in word processing, database management, and spreadsheet programs. Obtain related experience through internships or part-time jobs. Consider a strategy or business minor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take basic business courses such as accounting, finance, and marketing. Join student professional associations provided by the Linguistics department.
	Entrepreneur Management	Public affairs / Public relations	Libraries Nonprofit organizations Service organizations			
Education	Community education		Literacy Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become "expert" in a particular subject Learn how to develop lessons, educational curriculum, and workshops Earn a graduate degree and obtain your teaching license for post-secondary institutions Practice teaching what you learn in your classes - form lesson plans and present them in study groups or with professors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the capacity to be a team player. Aptitude to examine various angles of topics. Formulate sentences so as to speak and write clearly and precisely. 	
	School administration and staff		Colleges and universities Libraries Private learning centers Public and private schools			
Government	Higher education teaching		US Army	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire skills in research and evaluation; develop skills in specific fields within the linguistics major. Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel opportunities. Become familiar with specialized government hiring procedures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider a minor in political science, civic engagement, or communication. Gain relevant experience by participating in student government or other related organizations 	
	Library and Information Student affairs and government		Local, state, and national governments Human Services Departments Program Development National institutes			
Human Services	Court translation		Speech therapy firms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do an internship and work closely with your professors Obtain essential and practical experience through beneficial part-time or summer jobs Take classes that will gear you towards public service Become involved in a service group on campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain a master's degree and appropriate licensure in mental health counseling, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, rehabilitation counseling, or social work to provide specialized services to those you work with 	
	Training document developer		School systems Personal hire Non-profit organizations City recreation and activities Advertising industries			
Publishing	Language screeners		Publishing companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The verbal skills that linguists develop are ideal for positions in editing, publishing, and writing. Take plenty of classes involved with writing and editing in order to develop strong speaking and writing skills. Work closely with professors to learn the process of how they write and publish their work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider an editing minor. Many entry-level positions require one year of related experience. Obtain essential practical experience through volunteering or part-time work. 	
	Multi-discipline language analysis		Editing companies Lexicography companies Dictionary publishers Consultant agencies			
Research	Operation language analyst		Colleges / Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take lots of writing classes in order to practice thinking, writing, and communicating clearly Become part of a research project with one of your professors. Look into turning it into an experience where you are able to write some of your own material. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a good network by talking to lots of people - your professors, internship coordinators, advisors, etc. Consider also taking some philosophy, sociology, or psychology classes in order to expand the ability that you have to think outside the box and see from other points of view. 	
			Research teams Publishing firms Magazines			
Translation / Localization	Translator		Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become familiar with computer coding. Specialize in a second language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take digital humanities or computer science courses. 	
	Project Manager		International compantnies Textbook companies			

STRATEGIES FOR PLACEMENT IN THE FIELD OF LINGUISTICS

- Learn another language. As you learn to understand the Linguistics and learning strategies for a different language, you come to understand the basics of the English as well.
- Receive training to develop materials for different populations, train teachers, design assessments, find effective ways to teach language-related topics in specific communities, or use the language of a community effectively in instruction.
- Experience is key! Make friends with your professors and get involved with as many research and writing projects as possible.
- Obtain vital computer software knowledge so that you can become efficient in translation processes.
- Maintain a high grade point average, secure strong faculty recommendations, and gain experience through volunteering or work to increase opportunities for graduate schools.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Alumni Career Website

<http://alumnicareers.byu.edu>

Linguistics Department

4064 JFSB, 801.422.2937, <http://ling-elang.byu.edu/>

Pre-Professional Advisement

3328 WSC (801) 422-3044
<https://ppa.byu.edu>

University Career Services 2410

WSC (801) 422-6535 <http://ucs.byu.edu>



A guide to career
options inside the field of:

LINGUISTICS

INTERNET RESOURCES

- **Linguistic Society of America**
<https://www.linguisticsociety.org/content/why-major-linguistics>
- **BYU Linguistic Department**
<http://linguistics.byu.edu/>
- **BYU Linguistic Catalog**
<http://catalog.byu.edu/humanities/linguistics-and-english-language/linguistics-ba>



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