

Linguistic & Language Studies

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A language dies about every two weeks – this threat to world’s linguistic heritage is as serious as the endangerment of biological species. Glendon’s Linguistics and Language Studies program is unique in offering a Stream in Language Endangerment, Documentation and Revitalization. You’ll examine the building blocks of languages, how they develop and change, how people learn languages, the way regional accents differ and other fascinating language-based questions. Our close-knit multicultural and multilingual community provides lots of opportunity to apply your knowledge both inside and outside the classroom. In small classes, you’ll have close contact with expert linguists and engage with a community passionate about languages.



“I learned the importance of cultural diversity and was inspired to acquire three additional languages. My degree encouraged me to work alongside the communities that speak these languages, as a bilingual research assistant with York, an intern with the Italian Contemporary Film Festival and an exchange student in Paris. This program opened my eyes to the reality that studying linguistics means deepening one’s understanding of humanity through a linguistic lens.”

— Jason H., BA’20

Boost Your Major

- Learn Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) through a video game
- Focus on language endangerment
- Join the Glendon Linguistics Club

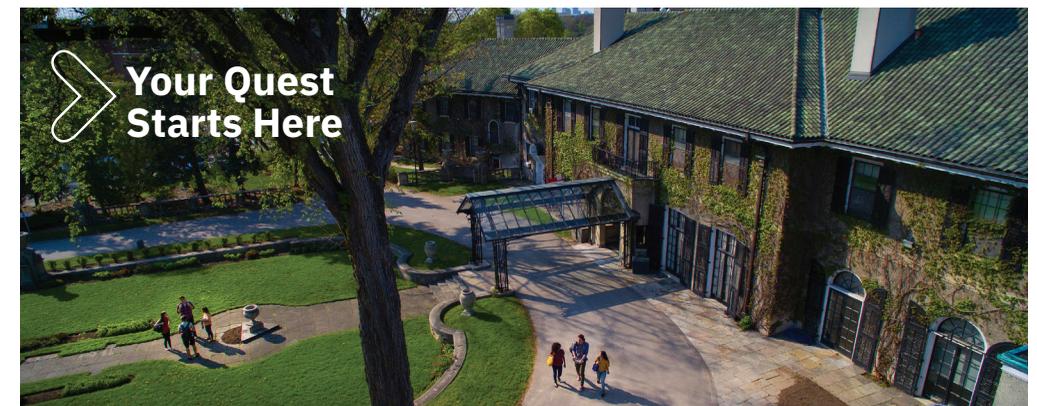
Skills You’ll Earn

- Think critically about language to make insightful observations, formulate hypotheses and draw scientific conclusions
- Understand linguistic development and how language is used in current and past societies
- Learn about the similarities and differences among language groups and dialects
- Appreciate language’s complexity and structure at different levels, from sound to meaning

Career Paths

As a Linguistics graduate, you are well-equipped to become a leader and changemaker. You can choose to pursue grad studies or obtain additional qualifications to help your career. Here are examples of career options:

- Audiologist
- Speech-language pathologist
- Language teacher
- Journalist
- Interpreter and translator
- Advertiser and marketer
- Public policy analyst



Your Path To Success

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	First Year	Middle Years	Final Year	Other Skills You'll Earn
Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an enrolment-planning workshop with the Academic Advising team Consult your program requirements in the Academic Calendar Start or continue your language journey; visit our language-learning support centres Take <i>Introduction to Linguistics</i> Learn Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) language and culture or/and Romanian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request a progress report and meet with your academic advisor In second year, take <i>Grammatical Description</i>; continue learning Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) and discover Italian linguistics In third year, take <i>Introduction à la linguistique romane</i>, <i>Foundations of Syntax I</i> and <i>Language Endangerment</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take <i>Linguistic Theory; Field Methods and Morphosyntax from a Functional-Typological Perspective</i> Plan for your bilingual or trilingual certification; apply for the exam Get your degree audit Apply to graduate 	<p>Communication, Data Gathering & Organizational Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize, understand and analyze information from different sources Apply novel forms of technology or new information to various professional settings and tasks Learn new information and apply it to professional demands Clearly explain complex ideas to others and apply complex theoretical concepts to everyday practice and professional dilemmas Collect and assess various types of information, analyze and incorporate potential links from different fields, put them into writing, and efficiently convey your message and the goal of your work <p>Management & Teamwork</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpret and analyze information presented by peers; efficiently and constructively support or challenge peer proposals, theories, ideas and reports to achieve a project's intended result Lead and interact with a variety of people with different approaches, and personal and professional backgrounds Debate, persuade, mediate and present your thoughts and opinions Identify priorities and proper courses of action, plan the execution of tasks, and determine and delegate responsibilities to group members to effectively carry out projects
Get Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in orientation activities like JumpStart and Frosh Week Attend the Linguistic Meet and Greet, and other program activities Join the Glendon Linguistics Club Visit the Salon francophone or ESL Open Learning Centre Meet the Student Life Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become a Peer Mentor Join the Student Union and develop your leadership skills Represent students' voices in university governance and/or committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spread the word about clubs, organizations and events you have enjoyed and have helped you get connected on campus Mentor and tutor first- and second-year students Become a Glendon Ambassador 	
Gain Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the Experiential Education office to find opportunities Develop your digital media skills at the Glendon Digital Media Lab Optimize your experience and learn to articulate the skills you have developed through Becoming YU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrol in <i>Language Endangerment or Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe)</i> Apply to the Research Apprenticeship Program Pursue your passion project in G21, Glendon's inquiry-based incubator, or GENIAL, for startups Volunteer in a local organization, such as TESL Apply to a tutoring position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrol in <i>Field Methods</i> Work on practical challenges by enrolling in the Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom (C4) Complete a work placement in an elective course 	
Think Globally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn another language – 20 languages are taught at Glendon and Keele Campuses, including French, Spanish and Ojibwe! Develop your intercultural skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider an exchange abroad or with one of our partner universities in Quebec Enrol in <i>Le français par l'expérience</i> to expand your knowledge of French and francophone culture by doing a work placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer with organizations that have a focus on international issues or diversity in Canada Attend the Glendon Global debates 	
Plan Your Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build your transferable skills by participating in workshops about skills and career development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore career options and learn more about the skills required Discover career opportunities by connecting with alumni Book an appointment with the Career Centre to start working on your resumé, cover letters and interview skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Glendon's Bilingual Job Fair and networking events Use the Career Centre to enhance your resumé and LinkedIn profile; learn new job search techniques Attend a workshop on grad school applications Join a professional association in your field 	
				Admission Requirements
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent with an average* in the mid to high 70s Minimum of six 4U or 4M courses, including 4U English (ENG4U) or FRA4U A combination of U and M courses; OACs are accepted Proficiency in English OR French <p>* Average is calculated based on the top six 4U; 4M or DU courses</p>
				Get In Touch
				<p>Domestic students: liaison@glendon.yorku.ca</p> <p>International students: international@glendon.yorku.ca</p> <p>Attend one of our events!</p> <p>f t in @ GlendonCampus</p>