

BA Degree [Joint Honours] BAU1

Length of Course 3 Years

Guideline Entry Requirements

(please note, successful candidates generally present with grades well in excess of the minimum grades indicated below)

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| IB - International Baccalaureate Diploma | IB Total 26 A high level of English language competency is normally required |
| Cambridge A Level (+ GCSE O Level) | BCC A high level of English language competency is normally required |
| Other Examinations | For country specific information see page 157 |
| UCD International Foundation Year | No |



Paul Howard, creator of Ross O'Carroll Kelly, discusses Dublin English and the use of 'like' in his books with a Linguistics class at UCD

Why is this subject for me?

Language is something we take for granted but it is one of the most important skills we possess as human beings. It is hard to imagine any activity that does not involve language in some way. This makes linguistics (the scientific study of language) one of the most intriguing and interesting subjects. Linguistics asks, and answers, such questions as:

- ⦿ How are languages structured?
- ⦿ How is language acquired?
- ⦿ Where did language come from?
- ⦿ Why do no other animals have language?

By studying linguistics you will find the answers to these and other questions. Some of the answers may surprise you, and some will prompt you to explore more profound and interesting questions.

What will I study?

First Year

Modules are introductory in nature and provide an overview of the many interesting topics dealt with in Linguistics, including:

- ⦿ The sounds used in languages
- ⦿ The structure and meaning of words and sentences
- ⦿ The way language is acquired by children
- ⦿ How we use language to express ourselves and to communicate with others

Second & Third Year

Modules provide a more in-depth analysis of the areas already introduced, as well as looking at other areas such as:

Language Disorders • Endangered Languages • English as a World Language

Linguistics modules comprise a lively mix of lectures and tutorials.

Assessment involves a stimulating combination of essays, language data problem sets, group projects, exams and presentations, so that students can fully demonstrate their learning and understanding.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Studying Linguistics develops essential skills that will allow you to pursue a diverse range of careers, including:

Speech and language therapy • Language teaching • Editing and publishing • Journalism • Business • Advertising • Software development

Some of these careers may involve graduate study beyond linguistics, but students can also pursue MA and PhD studies in one of the many areas of linguistics, as well as related areas such as cognitive science or second language acquisition.

International Study Opportunities

Students of Linguistics have availed of opportunities to study abroad as part of their BA, at universities in:

Paris, France • Barcelona, Spain • Valladolid, Spain • Bilbao, Spain • North Carolina, USA • Toronto, Canada • Waseda, Japan



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LECTURER

I have been a lecturer in Linguistics at UCD since 1996, and I am also the Vice-Principal for Teaching & Learning in the College of Arts & Celtic Studies. My key interests in linguistics are semantics, language impairment and philosophy of language. I firmly believe that the diversity and flexibility of this BA provides you with an unmatched opportunity to grow and develop both intellectually and socially. It nurtures a wide range of skills which you will find to be invaluable, whether you continue to study with us or follow your chosen career path.

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Other courses of interest

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| International Languages | →51 |
| Psychology | →59 |
| Sociology | →61 |