

## Why Study Linguistics at UMD?

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S LINGUISTICS DEGREE** combines a liberal arts education with critical thinking skills that last a lifetime. The study of linguistics develops not only a sensitivity to language, but a scientific approach and keen skills of analysis and research that are valued in many professions. You'll examine the structure of language and how knowledge of language develops in native speakers. Our graduates go on to do advanced work in linguistics or apply their skills and knowledge to other fields such as speech therapy, psychology, education, cognitive science and computer science.

### LINGUISTICS CURRICULUM

The undergraduate curriculum offers two tracks: **Grammars and Cognition** and **Language**. The Grammars and Cognition track allows students to pursue interests in cognitive science, including disciplines such as philosophy and psychology, while the Language track is designed for students studying a particular language. Our classes emphasize the grammars of individual languages; the normal development of language in children; and the formation of language in the brain. Students have access to state-of-the-art research labs, where they can explore experimental projects in language acquisition, psycholinguistics, neurolinguistics and computer modeling, among others. Connecting expertise, ideas and creativity from other disciplines engages students in an interdisciplinary approach to the study of language.

### SAMPLE COURSE TITLES

- ▶ Language and Mind
- ▶ Philosophy of Language
- ▶ Child Language Acquisition
- ▶ Topics in Psycholinguistics

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## LINGUISTICS DEGREES IN ACTION

95% of recent ARHU graduates are either working full time, interning or pursuing graduate studies. Here's where some of our linguistics graduates are working or studying:

- ▶ French Ministry of Education, English Teaching Assistant
- ▶ Google, Software Engineer
- ▶ Synaptic Advisory Partners, Management Associate
- ▶ Center for the Advanced Study of Language, Research Assistant
- ▶ Rutgers University, Linguistics
- ▶ Ohio State University, Applied/Forensic Linguistics
- ▶ Johns Hopkins University, Biological Sciences

## TIPS FOR CAREER SUCCESS

It's never too early to start planning for your career after graduation. Make an appointment to talk with the University Career Center @ARHU where we'll work with you to assess your skills, values and interests and use them to help find opportunities that meet your goals. Academic and career advisors will work with you to incorporate internships, living and learning programs, global experiences, research and more into your academic plan. Research shows that having one or more internships drastically increases your ability to land a full-time position upon graduation. Learn more at [careers.umd.edu](http://careers.umd.edu).

## OZZIE FALLICK '14, LINGUISTICS Software Engineer, Google

"In ARHU, you're learning about how people interact with the world and each other.

My goal is to build things that people are going to use. Just technology knowledge can only go so far. You have to understand how people are going to use them to be truly successful."



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## ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES (ARHU)

ARHU is home to 14 departments and 64 bachelor's degrees, minors and certificate programs, so you can tailor your degree (or double major) across various fields of study, including performing and visual arts, languages, literatures and cultures. With a 10 to 1 student-faculty ratio, ARHU offers you the benefits of a tight-knit community with access to the resources of a large, public research institution near the nation's capital.

