WHY STUDY LINGUISTICS?

Careers and Opportunities for Linguistics Majors
What can I do with a Linguistics degree?

- Linguistics careers can be divided into three major segments:
  - TESOL – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
  - Computational Linguistics – combine computers and language to advance technology
  - General – includes everything from Linguistics research to technical writing to law.
What jobs are available for TESOL majors?

- TESOL qualifies you to
  - Teach English abroad
  - Teach ESL domestically
  - Teach Foreign Languages (additional language training required)

- TESOL majors can get additional schooling to do
  - ESL and English teacher training
  - Teach other subjects in domestic public schools
What jobs are there in Computational Linguistics?

- Computational Linguistics can work in
  - Speech recognition R&D (think Siri)
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Search Engine development
  - Business & International Business
What jobs are available for General majors?

- General Linguistics is a great springboard for
  - Law School
  - FBI and government jobs
  - Graduate School in Linguistics – research and teach
  - Editing and technical writing
  - Translation
Linguistics students have the skills that employers want

Top Ten Skills Employers Look for in Potential Employees

1. Communication Skills (listening, speaking, and writing)
2. Analytical & Research Skills
3. Self Motivation
4. Teamwork Skills
5. Technical Skills/Job Training
6. Strength of Character
7. Interpersonal Skills
8. Flexibility/Adaptability
9. Planning/Organization Skills
10. Problem Solving Skills