School of Languages, Cultures and Societies

FACULTY OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND CULTURES

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Linguistics and Phonetics

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
LINGUISTICS AND PHONETICS

You will be able to use state-of-the-art facilities, including a recording studio, a phonetics laboratory for acoustic and articulatory analysis of speech, and a linguistics laboratory with eye-tracking apparatus, among other things. We also offer a communal space for students and staff to meet and collaborate.

Staff and students work closely with specialists in language studies from other centres and schools, including the Centre for Translation Studies, the School of English, the School of Education and the School of Psychology.

Many of these collaborations feed into our teaching and learning opportunities, providing a wide range of options for specialisation as well as a broad understanding of how human language is structured and acquired, produced and transmitted, and used in various modes of communication.

The course here is amazing, it gives the students the basis of the subject and then gives them the freedom to explore it on their own and fit it to their personal interests.

Bissera Ivanova
BA Linguistics and Phonetics
Language plays a pivotal role in all human affairs, and as linguists and phoneticians, we want to systematically understand how language works.

Studying linguistics means:

- learning how to analyse the structure of language (for example grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary)
- exploring how language is acquired, processed and employed by different people in different contexts.

Studying phonetics means:

- examining how speech sounds are produced by the vocal tract
- understanding how speech sounds are transmitted through air and processed by the ear and brain.

Studying linguistics and phonetics together means doing detailed analytical work on data drawn from languages across the world – including looking for similarities and differences across languages, with the aim of discovering the core characteristics of human language.

You will gain a solid grounding in the formal analysis of language and speech and explore the workings of language from multiple theoretical perspectives. Optional modules will allow you to tailor the course to your interests.

**Year 1:** Core modules introduce you to the main principles of linguistics and phonetics. You will also study relevant research methodologies, including linguistic data collection.

**Year 2:** Your core modules provide you with core skills in syntactic and phonetic analysis. Optional modules cover three pathways: language structure and sound, language processing and development or discourse studies.

**Year 3:** You will take an advanced syntax or phonetics module, and select further optional modules. Specific modules will build on those of year two, allowing you to specialise in your chosen area of study.

You will also gain advanced writing skills, and carry out an original research project.

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A joint honours degree allows you to study the same core topics as students on a single honours course, but you will take fewer options and discovery modules so you can fit in both subjects. You will also undertake a major research project in either subject in your final year.

The intellectual range of such a degree, together with the organisational skill in combining two subject areas, makes you very attractive to employers. Our courses allow you to study your chosen subjects in depth, and to graduate with an honours degree covering two disciplines. All joint honours degrees with linguistics are parented and administered by the School of Languages, Cultures and Societies. You will be allocated a personal tutor who will help guide your module choices and offer support, as well as act as a point of contact for references.

**BA Liberal Arts**
You can study Linguistics as your major for this degree. Find out more at www.leeds.ac.uk/liberal-arts
All single honours and joint honours students studying linguistics with a non-language subject can apply to spend a year studying abroad. The University has links with more than 400 universities around the world and during your year abroad you will keep in touch with your personal tutor at Leeds, as well as having an academic advisor in your host university. A study abroad year is a fantastic way to boost your confidence and broaden your outlook on life.

Supported by the School’s Work Placement Officer and working directly with the University Careers Centre, all single honours students and joint honours students studying linguistics with a non-language subject can apply to spend a year in industry. A year abroad will be compulsory for all students studying linguistics with a language. You may be able to spend a year in industry instead of studying abroad however this is dependent on the language you study. A year in industry will allow you to work in a graduate-level job and gain valuable experience and important skills, enhancing your employability after graduation.

For more information see [www.leeds.ac.uk/courses](http://www.leeds.ac.uk/courses)

I began to develop a passionate interest in how language works when I studied English Language at AS- and A-level. I chose to study Linguistics and Phonetics at Leeds because of the impression I received when visiting the University on an open day. Now, having finished my degree I can honestly say I don’t regret my decision to study at Leeds one bit. The city is amazing and the University is fantastic.

Joe Czajka
BA Linguistics and Phonetics
ADMISSIONS AND CONTACTS

Entry requirements
For BA Linguistics and Phonetics (Q100) the standard entry requirement is AAB-ABB.

Joint honours entry requirements vary by course, for more information see www.leeds.ac.uk/courses

All applications must be made through UCAS by 15 January for admission the following September. www.ucas.com

Access to Leeds
Access to Leeds, the University’s widening access scheme, guarantees special consideration if you have personal circumstances that have affected your ability to demonstrate your talent and potential through grades alone.

Applicants to the scheme who receive a standard offer will also receive an Access to Leeds offer of two A-level grades (or equivalent) below the standard offer. To find out more visit www.leeds.ac.uk/accesstoleeds

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