

# STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

## Linguistics

Linguistics is the science of language. Students who major or minor in linguistics study the history and structure of languages, how language interacts with culture, and language acquisition in children. In the future, they're able to apply this knowledge to their jobs, allowing them to quickly get ahead in the workplace and in their careers.

Along with the major and minor, students who study linguistics at Stony Brook University have the option of becoming certified Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). The certification includes one semester of student teaching, which is great real-world experience for future educators. TESOL certified students go on to teach in classes from kindergarten to grade 12.



## Transferable Skills

- Analytical and critical thinking
- Knowledge of language, grammar, syntax, & words
- Presentation, public speaking, & didactic skills
- Strong technical and analytical writing skills
- Close reading and analysis
- Interpretive research skills
- Manage time efficiently by setting priorities
- Evidence acquisition & analysis
- Examining change in languages
- Communication skills

## Career Communities to Consider

- Public Service
- Arts & Communications
- Education & Helping Professions
- Business