



**University of Brighton**

School of Humanities

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# Choose **Linguistics** at Brighton

As the scientific study of language, linguistics has a central role to play in exploring what it means to be human. At Brighton you can study linguistics as a single honours degree, or you can combine it with English language, or with English literature.

## + Exploring in depth

You'll study the relationship between language and the mind, and language and society, going beyond the confines of your own discipline to help you see how linguistics relates to other fields.

## + Be inspired

You will be part of a vibrant, research-active programme where our teaching team create a dynamic and supportive environment.

## + Brilliant place to live

Study in an inspiring city which features in Lonely Planet's list of 10 cities with brilliant beaches and London is less than an hour away by train.



Darcie Harper,  
BA(Hons) English  
Language and  
Linguistics

My fascination for this degree stems from how diverse the modules are. Being able to choose from both the language and the linguistic side really aids my enthusiasm as I enjoy learning about the different aspects of the English language. I am constantly being surprised by its in-depth content.



Dr Tim Wharton,  
lecturer English  
Language and  
Linguistics

Most people share the intuition that what a speaker 'says' may fall short of what they 'mean'; or that by saying one thing a speaker might mean something else entirely. But have you ever stopped to wonder how hearers bridge the gap between what speakers say and what they mean? Are we, in a sense, mind-readers? My work begins with the assumption that we are.



### Linguistics BA(Hons)

This course is for students eager to explore the human ability to acquire language and use it effortlessly to communicate with one another. It also looks at the intricate and complex relationship between language and mind.

You will acquire sophisticated skills in language analysis using real language data and develop analytical tools that help in understanding the central role language plays in what it means to be human.

You will learn about the nature of linguistic communication: to what extent, for example, are humans 'mindreaders'? You will be challenged to explore both theory and practice and will develop critical skills in both written and spoken form.

### English Language and Linguistics BA(Hons)

This course is for students who enjoy examining language from a variety of perspectives. The degree is built around two strands. The English Language strand encourages students to think about how language shapes society and how society shapes language.

The Linguistics strand enables those passionate about the scientific elements of language study to explore a range of related questions: What does it mean to know a language? How does that knowledge get there? How is it put to use?

And the course will appeal not only to those interested in the relationship between language and mind, but also anyone wishing to explore language use in a variety of contexts.

### English Literature and Linguistics BA(Hons)

This course is designed to engage students in interdisciplinary studies. Combining English literature and linguistics will help you to become a critical, independent thinker with a capacity for insight into texts and genres.

Through the experience of this course and learning about both the science and art of language, you will develop skills that help you to learn how to make a sophisticated critique of written and spoken discourse. The course is for those particularly interested in engaging in contemporary debates about language related to literary linguistics and exploring topics from women's writing and feminist theory to language use and philosophy of language.

### Tailor your course

In years 2 and 3 you will be offered a wide choice of options which mean that you can further tailor your degree to your individual interests or career ambitions.

### An inspiring place to learn

Research informs all our teaching and you will benefit from the experience generated by our staff during their research. You will learn through lectures, seminars and workshops as well as small group and individual tutorials. You will also be invited to attend regular talks by visiting speakers on English Language and Linguistics.

### Find out more

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Joe Lewis, Linguistics  
BA(Hons)

**I had no idea how much I would love studying Linguistics. The subject has always fascinated me but studying at Brighton has only intensified my enthusiasm, largely due to the staff whose own passion cannot help but be motivating. Every semester I am amazed at just how much ground is covered and the amount I have learnt. As a mature student, I was unsure how easily I would accommodate to student life, but I instantly connected with friends of all ages in a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere.**

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All course content is indicative.