Linguistics is the study of human language: its nature, origins, evolution and uses.

Why study Linguistics?
• To become more aware of our use of language.
• It assists greatly in the learning and teaching of languages.
• It is vital for teaching and recording Indigenous languages to ensure their survival for future generations.
• To understand how language is acquired and how it has changed over time.
• To improve interpersonal and cross-cultural communication.
• To know the fascinating and multifaceted origins of words and how new phrases enter languages.

Why study at the University of Adelaide?
Established in 1874, the University of Adelaide is a member of the Group of Eight—a body of the most prestigious universities in Australia with excellence in research and teaching.
The Linguistics Department at the University of Adelaide is world-renowned for its expertise in language revival, language contact, Aboriginal languages, lexicology, and languages in culture and society.

How can I study Linguistics?
Students can study Linguistics as an elective in most University of Adelaide degrees, or as a major or minor in the following:
• Bachelor of Arts
• Bachelor of Arts (Advanced)
• Bachelor of Arts (Linguistics)
• Bachelor of Arts with Bachelor of Economics
• Bachelor of Arts with Bachelor of Music
• Bachelor of Arts with Bachelor of Science
• Bachelor of Environmental Policy and Management
• Bachelor of International Relations with Bachelor of Arts
• Bachelor of Languages
• Bachelor of Media with Bachelor of Arts
• Bachelor of Teaching (Middle) with Bachelor of Arts
• Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) with Bachelor of Arts
• Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) with Bachelor of Economics
• Bachelor of Teaching (Middle) with Bachelor of Mathematical and Computer Sciences
• Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) with Bachelor of Mathematical and Computer Sciences
• Bachelor of Teaching (Middle) with Bachelor of Music
• Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) with Bachelor of Music

Career pathways
Linguistics graduates go on to work in professional careers in communication, language work and languages education or research roles within Indigenous language revival projects.
Further postgraduate training leads to careers in speech pathology, interpreting and translation, languages teaching, linguistic consultancy, forensic linguistics and linguistics research.

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