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Language & Linguistics

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Roadmap

1. Linguistics: the “perfect” discipline
2. Who is it for?
3. Linguistics and Speech and Language Therapy
4. Linguistics at Ulster

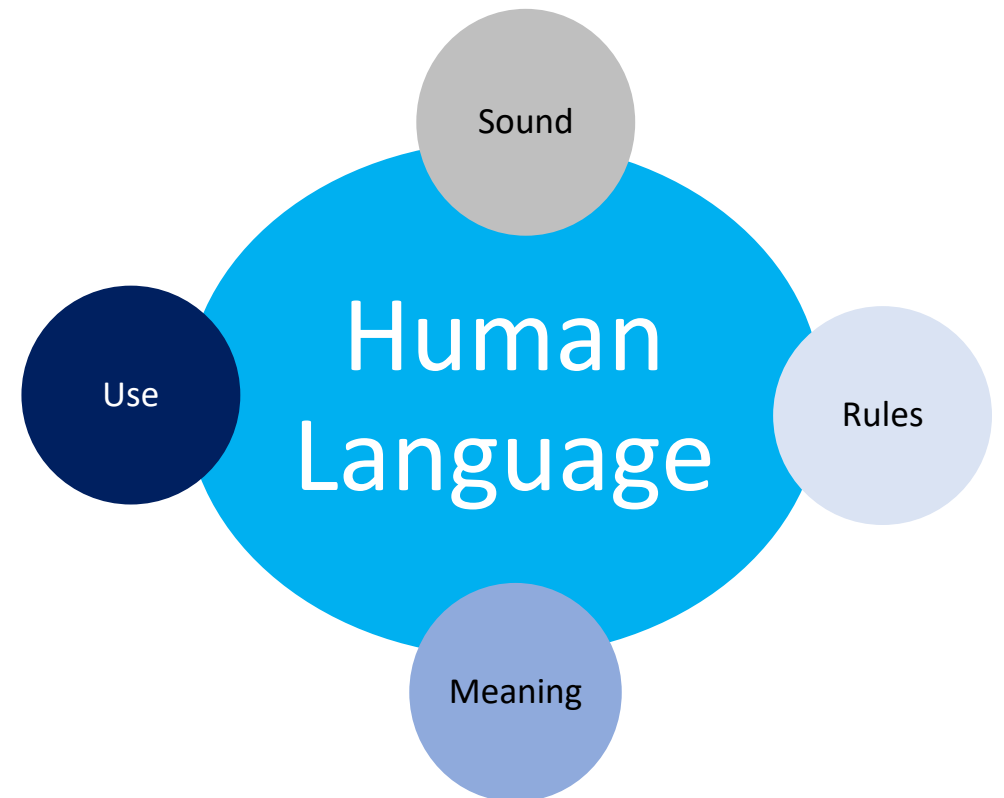
1. Linguistics: the “perfect” discipline

- ❖ Language is culture
- ❖ Language is social interaction
- ❖ Linguistics is the scientific study of language

- ❖ Linguistics at the crossroads of:
Humanities *Social Sciences* Science

Common misconceptions about linguistics:

- ❖ ~~Related to literature~~
- ❖ ~~You need a foreign language~~
- ❖ ~~It relates to a language in particular~~



2. Who is it for?

- ❖ Students who are curious about **language** and its **rules**;
- ❖ The “a-typical” student who likes subjects like **biology, maths, geography** and a **language**;
- ❖ Students who are **multilingual** or have another **language**;
- ❖ Students who would like to get into **teaching**;
- ❖ Students who want to become **Speech and Language Therapists**.

3. Linguistics and Speech and Language Therapy

- ❖ In Northern Ireland, only UU offers an undergraduate degree in SLT
- ❖ Funded and therefore numbers are capped (around 23 per year)
- ❖ High entry grades but also an additional entry requirement: HPAT ([Health Professions Admissions Test](#))
- ❖ But this does not satisfy student demand
- ❖ There is another way for students to become SLTs =
- ❖ [[Language and Linguistics + postgraduate SLT](#)]

3. Linguistics & SLT

The [\[Language and Linguistics + postgraduate SLT \]](#) route is attractive because:

- ❖ Students have a more solid **academic grounding** in linguistics before specialising in SLT
- ❖ In line with a trend in academia in the US and the rest of the UK where **SLT is a postgraduate degree**
- ❖ A postgraduate degree gives them **better career prospects and progression**
- ❖ **Avoid HPAT** and the problems it poses
- ❖ Linguistics gives them **broader career choices**, for those that think they want SLT but change their minds.

3. Linguistics & SLT

Change of Course offers:

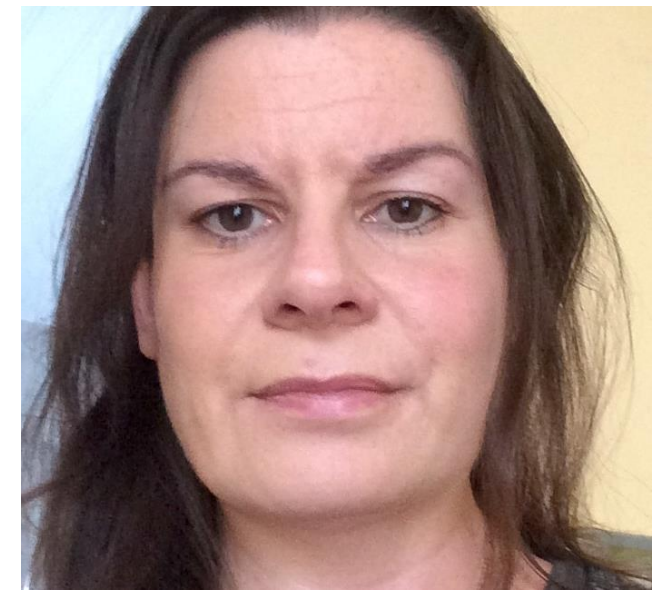
- ❖ 2018 = 20% of Language & Linguistics came from “change of course offers”
- ❖ 2019 = 30% of Language & Linguistics came from “change of course offers”
- ❖ 2020 = 32% of Language & Linguistics came from “change of course offers”

3. Linguistics & SLT

- ❖ Disadvantages of “change of course offers”:
 - 1) Students feel rejected
 - 2) Students have to make quick decisions, late.

- ❖ UCAS choices for students that want to do SLT:
 - ✓ SLT
 - ✓ Language and linguistics

Language and Linguistics team at Ulster: Research active, international team



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Thank you

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