**Applied Linguistics**

The minor in Applied Linguistics emphasizes language acquisition and language use in foreign and second-language settings. Applied Linguistics is concerned with increasing the understanding of the role of language in human affairs and thereby with providing the knowledge necessary for those who are responsible for making language-related decisions, whether the need arises in the workplace, the courtroom, the classroom, or the laboratory. Students learn to evaluate theory and research in different areas of the field, including second-language studies and sociolinguistics. Required introductory courses provide the necessary foundation for advanced classes. Courses at all levels include the critical analysis of different theories, conceptual models, and research methodologies. Students of Applied Linguistics may engage in international or domestic studies that involve independent research projects with faculty members from Law, Business, Anthropology, International and Area Studies, Education and Engineering.

Specifically, the minor in Applied Linguistics at Washington University meets the increasing domestic and international demand for second- and foreign-language specialists. This minor — in combination with a major in International and Area Studies, language (e.g., Spanish, French, Italian, Chinese, Swahili, German, Japanese), Anthropology, Philosophy—Neuroscience—Psychology (PNP), Psychological & Brain Sciences, or Educational Studies — helps students qualify for positions that may involve linguistically and culturally diverse learners in the United States and around the world. The minor is also suitable for students who wish to pursue graduate studies or advanced degrees in Law, Business, Medicine, Engineering, Applied Linguistics, International and Area Studies, Psychological & Brain Sciences, Education, and more.

The Applied Linguistics minor is an independent minor administered by International and Area Studies.

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**Majors**

There is no major in Applied Linguistics.

**Minors**

**The Minor in Applied Linguistics**

**Units required:** 18

This minor is composed of 18 credits that focus on the theoretical, empirical and practical foundations of teaching and learning languages. All participating students must have a declared primary major. Minors must receive a grade of C+ or higher in all Applied Linguistics courses; all courses taken for Applied Linguistics credit must be taken for a letter grade, including language courses.

**Required Courses (taught in English unless otherwise indicated):**

- The following courses:
Under certain circumstances, students may count toward their minor in Applied Linguistics a limited number of relevant classes not listed above. Such circumstances include study abroad. Students are required to complete both Ling 170 and APL 4111 prior to applying for study abroad. Select study abroad programs are approved for the Applied Linguistics minor. A specific plan of study must be worked out in advance with the adviser in the Applied Linguistics program.

Courses

**Applied Linguistics**


**L92 APL 300 Independent Research Study**
Prerequisite: permission of the director of the applied linguistics program.
Credit 3 units.

**L92 APL 400 Independent Research Study**
Prerequisite: permission of the director of the applied linguistics program.
Credit 3 units.

**L92 APL 4023 Second-Language Acquisition and Technology**
This seminar for undergraduate and graduate students will transform research and theory about second-language acquisition into practice while focusing on technology-driven applications. The course fosters professional development as participants formulate critical skills for evaluating, creating, and integrating technology into the language classroom and other language learning contexts, including business, engineering, and law. Course formats include readings, discussions, and demonstrations with technologies. The course counts for the minor in applied linguistics, the PhD in applied linguistics, and the graduate certificate in language instruction. This course carries the Social and Behavioral Sciences attribute and can be taken for different majors.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC
L92 APL 4111 Linguistics and Language Learning
This course, which is taught in English, is a foundation for students who will work with linguistically and culturally diverse people in the United States and around the world, whether this work is in the courtroom, the hospital, the classroom, the office, or another setting. The course will help to prepare students for the diverse range of 21st-century occupations that have language and linguistics at their center, including machine learning and translation studies. The courses uses a survey format and covers both internal and external factors related to language acquisition and language use, such as language and the brain, language aptitude, age, gender, memory, prior knowledge, and so on. Theoretical and research dimensions of both linguistics and foreign-/second-language learning are also treated. Corresponding implications of the readings focus on action, including making decisions about language policies as well as debates around the world that are informed by linguistic and language knowledge. The course is required for the minor in applied linguistics, the PhD in applied linguistics, and the graduate certificate in language instruction. This course carries the Social and Behavioral Sciences attribute and can be taken for different majors, such as International and Area Studies and Educational Studies. Prerequisite: Ling 170 is recommended but not required. Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC EN: S

L92 APL 4692 Reading Across Languages and Cultures: Theory, Research and Practice
The United Nations has declared that literacy is a fundamental human right. This course, which is taught in English, connects to the mission of UNESCO and examines the wide range of theoretical and research issues -- both historical and current -- related to reading and writing across languages and cultures. Literacy acquisition among second-language learners involves a number of variables, including both cognitive and social factors. Topics to be discussed include universal cognitive operations, individual learner differences, text types and literary forms, literacy and social power, and the extent to which reading and writing are interrelated. Students will discuss how to bridge scientific research in the laboratory to practice, and they will be involved in St. Louis community outreach projects with refugees and immigrants at the International Institute, where they will create and implement reading and writing activities driven by theory and empirical investigations. Students will take the theory and research they learn, and they will help meet the local reading and writing needs of a changing population with a variety of backgrounds, values and educational preparations. The course is required for the minor in applied linguistics, the PhD in applied linguistics, and the graduate certificate in language instruction. This course carries the Social and Behavioral Sciences attribute and can be taken for different majors, such as International and Area Studies and Educational Studies. Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC EN: S