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 health care setting, courtroom, classroom, or 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 research projects with faculty members from Public Health, Global Studies, Law, Business, Anthropology, Education and Engineering.

Specifically, the minor in Applied Linguistics at Washington University meets the increasing domestic and international demand for positions that involve linguistically and culturally diverse people in the United States and around the world. The minor is suitable for students who wish to pursue graduate studies or advanced degrees in Public Health, Medicine, Law, Business, Engineering, Applied Linguistics, Global Studies, Psychological & Brain Sciences, Education, and more.

The Applied Linguistics minor is an independent minor administered by Global Studies.

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Minors

The Minor in Applied Linguistics

Units required: 15

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:

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- One of the following courses focused on language acquisition:
Elective Courses:

- One of the following courses focused on language use:

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Under certain circumstances, students may count a limited number of relevant courses not listed above toward their minor in Applied Linguistics. Such circumstances include study abroad. Students are required to complete both Ling 1700 Introduction to Linguistics and APL 4111 Linguistics and Language Learning 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 advisor in the Applied Linguistics program.

Courses


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

L92 APL 3006 Global Health and Language
Long before COVID-19, scholars across the globe postulated that language in health care is one of the most significant, and yet underexplored, social determinants of health in underserved linguistic diverse communities. This new course attempts to harmonize work across the disciplines of Global Public Health and Applied Linguistics by analyzing studies that examine language acquisition and language use across contexts with populations that experience serious health disparities—immigrants, refugees, indigenous peoples, racial and ethnic minority groups—and the course offers corresponding implications for health equity. Broadly speaking, this course addresses global health literacy issues, in both spoken and written communications, and its relationship to public health. As part of the seminar, students will apply the theory and research they learn to help meet the local language health needs of a changing population of refugees and immigrants in the St. Louis community.
Same as L97 GS 3006
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: LCD, SSC, SC Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA, ETH, IS EN: S

L92 APL 304 Educational Psychology
This is a course in psychological concepts relevant to education that is organized around four basic issues: (1) how humans think and learn; (2) how children, adolescents, and adults differ in their cognitive and moral development; (3) the sense in which motivation and intention explain why people act as they do; and (4) how such key human characteristics as intelligence, motivation, and academic achievement can be measured. Offered fall and spring semesters.
Same as L12 Educ 304
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA EN: S
L92 APL 315 Introduction to Social Psychology
An introduction to the scientific study of social influence. Topics include person perception, social cognition, attitudes, conformity, group behavior, aggression, altruism, prejudice and psychology’s interface with law, health, and climate change. PREREQ: Psych 100B/1000
Same as L33 Psych 315
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA EN: S

L92 APL 3202 Debating Cultures: How Spanish Works
This course offers an introduction to the study of the Spanish language as a science. It focuses on the main linguistic subsystems: the sound system (phonetics and phonology), the formation and use of words (morphology), and the formation and structure of sentences (syntax). When working with each linguistic subsystem, students are provided with opportunities to reflect on and improve their own abilities in Spanish, such as with regard to how mood (indicative versus subjunctive) and aspect (preterit versus imperfect) work in the Spanish verbal system. Similarities and differences between Spanish and other languages, such as English, are highlighted. The course also provides students with an introduction to the history of Spanish in its evolution from Latin as one of many Romance languages (a diachronic view) and an exploration of various regional varieties of Spanish today (a synchronic view). The goals of the course include understanding linguistics and Hispanic linguistics as cognitive sciences; understanding language acquisition and use as neural processes; disentangling linguistic rules and linguistic variation from pedagogical rules and stigmatization; and applying one’s knowledge of linguistics in general and Hispanic linguistics in particular to practical issues and challenges. This course will have a strong, mandatory and graded oral communications component, and it is taught in Spanish. Prerequisite: Span 303 or Span 308D. Students who have taken more than two Spanish culture or literature classes are not allowed in this course and must proceed to a Researching Cultures class.
Same as L38 Span 3202
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCM, LS Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: IS EN: H

L92 APL 3248 Intercultural Communication
"Intercultural communication" and "cross-cultural communication" are interchangeable terms in referring to the field of studies covered in this course. We take a critical approach to topics or issues that emerge in intercultural settings, from verbal and non-verbal cues, tastes and smells, and perceptions of time and space, to individualism and collectivism, high context and low context, and intercultural encounters in business or medical fields. The readings cover case studies of different world regions across various cultural, linguistic, and ethnic groups. This course aims to provide analytical tools to understand and navigate cultural difference and to develop critical skills of intercultural competence in an increasingly interconnected world.
Same as L97 GS 3248
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: LCM, SSC Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA EN: S

L92 APL 3385 Language, Culture and Society
Although this is an introductory course, students who have taken Linguistics 100D, namely, "Introduction to Linguistics", will benefit from knowledge of phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics. The primary content of this course explores the relationship between linguistic practice and other social and cultural processes. Anthropological linguistics, including alternative approaches to fieldwork and data collection are introduced, along with various studies of language usage in social and cultural contexts that consider language and thought, language and identity, language and gender, as well as multilingualism and other forms of language contact. The ethnography of speaking and communication are central to this course, as is conversation analyses, which will introduce a combination of qualitative and quantitative linguistic research methods.
Same as L48 Anthro 3386

L92 APL 3512 "Model Minority": The Asian-American Experience
Through multidisciplinary inquiries, this course provides a lens into the complexity and heterogeneity among Asian Americans. In situates Asian American experiences in the broader American ethno-racial and social-political contexts as well as considering transnational dimensions. From a brief historical survey of Asian immigration and exclusion to analysis of the contemporary landscape of Asian America, this course explores Asian American cultures and identities, intermarriage and religious practices, and Asian Americans in popular culture, higher education, and professional fields while facilitating discussion of new forms of invisibility and marginalization in the contemporary era.
Same as L97 GS 3512
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCM, SC, SD Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: IS EN: H

L92 APL 358 Language Acquisition
This course examines the development of language skills in children, asking how children so rapidly learn their first language. Topics include: biological bases of language development; development of phonology, syntax, and morphology; language development in atypical populations; childhood bilingualism; and development of written language skills. Prerequisite: Psych 100B and Ling 170D.
Same as L33 Psych 358
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC Arch: SSC Art: SSC BU: BA EN: S

L92 APL 370 Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
An introduction to the scientific study of the Spanish language, this course focuses on each of the major linguistic subsystems, including the sound system (phonetics and phonology), word formation (morphology), formation of phrases and sentences (syntax), and the use of the language to convey meaning (semantics and pragmatics). At each level of analysis, selected comparisons are made between Spanish and English and between Spanish and other languages. The course also examines different historical, regional, and social varieties of Spanish and situations of Spanish in contact with other languages.
Same as L38 Span 370
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: LCM BU: HUM EN: H

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 4036 Children of Immigrants: Identity and Acculturation
This seminar takes an interdisciplinary approach to children of immigrants as an analytical subject. The course texts are in sociology, anthropology, and cultural studies, and a significant number of our case studies focus on 1.5- and second-generation Asian Americans.
and Latinx. Identity and identity politics are main topics; in addition, 
the course will theoretically examine theories on acculturation and 
assimilation. Our discussions cover a wide range of topics from culture, 
etnicity, and race, to bilingualism, education, family, school, ethnic 
community, and youth culture. Students are required to conduct an 
individual research project among a selected group of children of 
immigrants. Attendance on the first day of class is mandatory to reserve 
class enrollment.

Same as L97 GS 4036
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, LCD, SC, SD Arch: HUM Art: HUM BU: HUM
EN: H

L92 APL 407 Old English, Introductory
Study of the Anglo-Saxon language and introduction to major prose 
and short poetry of the period. Prerequisites: junior standing and 6 
units of literature.

Same as L14 E Lit 407
Credit 3 units. Art: HUM

L92 APL 4111 Linguistics and Language Learning
This course, taught in English, is a foundation for students who will 
work with linguistically and culturally diverse people in the USA and 
around the world, whether this work is in the courtroom, hospital, 
classroom, office and more. The course will help prepare students 
for the diverse range of twenty-first century occupations that have 
language and linguistics at their center, including machine learning 
and translation studies. The class utilizes 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, etc. Theoretical and research 
dimensions of both linguistics and foreign / second language learning 
are treated. Corresponding implications of the readings focus on 
action- on making decisions for language policies and 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 Global Studies and Educational 
Studies. Prereq: Ling 170 is recommended but not required.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC BU: BA, ETH EN: S

L92 APL 417 Spanish Phonetics, Phonology and Dialectology
This course, conducted in Spanish, explores the linguistic varieties 
of the 21 Spanish-speaking countries from both a historical and a 
synchronic perspective. The course begins with a traditional look 
at Spanish phonetics and phonology, with all students memorizing 
and utilizing the International Phonetic Alphabet. Course readings 
and discussions extend beyond the descriptive and include a 
search for the sources of language variation within the Spanish 
speaking world. Particular attention is devoted to language contact 
and bilingualism. Students will read in areas such as history, 
sociolinguistics, dialectology, and sociology, as well as traditional 
linguistic studies, in designing their projects concerning phonetics, 
phonology and dialect diversification.

Same as L38 Span 417
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: LCD BU: IS EN: H

L92 APL 4302 Cognitive Psychology Applied to Education
This course is intended to cover topics in the cognitive psychology of 
human memory, conceptual learning, and comprehension with special 
focus on areas, theory, and research that have potential application 
to education. Thus, the course will provide selective coverage of 
theoretical and empirical work in cognitive psychology that provides 
potential to inform and improve educational practice. The applicability 
of these themes will be explicitly developed and evaluated through the 
primary research literature using educationally oriented experimental 
paradigms. The course is expected to be of interest and benefit to 
education majors and to psychology majors interested in cognitive 
psychology and its applications. Prereq: Junior/Senior status, 9 units 
in Psychology and Psych 100B OR Junior/Senior status, 9 units in 
Education and Psych 100B.

Same as L33 Psych 4302
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC EN: S

L92 APL 433 Complex Learning in Education
This course will focus on psychological research and theory pertaining 
to higher-order learning. Each week, we will delve into a different topic, 
such as memory, transfer of learning, analogical reasoning, conceptual 
change, metacognition, and problem solving. Prerequisite: Junior 
standing or L12 304.

Same as L12 Educ 433
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC BU: BA EN: S

L92 APL 4330 Psychology of Language
This course surveys current research and theory in psycholinguistics, 
covering the biological bases, cognitive bases, and learning of 
language. We consider studies of normal children and adults, the 
performance of individuals with various types of language disorders, 
and computer simulations of language processes. Topics range from 
the perception and production of speech sounds to the management of 
conversations. Each student will carry out an original research project 
on some aspect of psycholinguistics. Prereq: Ling 170D and Psych 100B

Same as L33 Psych 433
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC Arch: SSC Art: SSC EN: S

L92 APL 467 Grammar and Vocabulary Acquisition
This course examines theoretical and instructional implications of 
research on grammar and vocabulary acquisition. Topics include 
making form-meaning connections during language learning; 
developmental stages; the role of input and input processing; explicit 
and implicit methods of grammar instruction; pertinent factors in 
vocabulary acquisition, such a learning context and processing 
resource allocation; and comparisons of incidental and direct 
vocabulary instruction techniques. Major theories of language 
acquisition (e.g., nativism, emergentism) are critically examined in 
light of the research presented, and research findings are applied to 
instructional practices.

Same as L38 Span 467
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: LCD BU: BA EN: H

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 Global Studies and Educational Studies.
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: SSC EN: S

L92 APL 472 History of the English Language
Concepts and methods of linguistic study: comparative, historical,
and descriptive. Application of methods to selected problems in the
history of English. Contrastive analysis of excerpts from Old, Middle, and
later English; sounds, meanings, syntax, and styles.
Same as L14 E Lit 472
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM Arch: HUM Art: HUM EN: H

L92 APL 481 History of Education in the United States
Examines education within the context of American social and
intellectual history. Using a broad conception of education in the
United States and a variety of readings in American culture and social
history, the course focuses on such themes as the variety of institutions
involved with education, including family, church, community, work
place, and cultural agency; the ways relationships among those
institutions have changed over time; the means individuals have used
to acquire an education; and the values, ideas, and practices that have
shaped American educational policy in different periods of our history.
NOTE ABOUT ENROLLMENT: All students will be initially waitlisted.
Because this is a writing intensive course, enrollment will most likely
be 12-15 students. Enrollment preference will be given to students who
are majoring/minoring in Educational Studies, Teacher Education,
Applied Linguistics, History, American Culture Studies, and Children’s
Studies and to students needing to complete their Writing Intensive
requirement. Instructor will e-mail students about enrollment.
Same as L12 Educ 481W
Credit 3 units. A&S IQ: HUM, SC, SD, WI BU: BA, HUM EN: H

L92 APL 5501 Contemporary Issues in the Psychological Science
of Learning
The purpose of this course is provide a vehicle for students to explore
contemporary issues in the psychological science of learning. The
general topic of the course will rotate so that different contemporary
issues can be explored from semester to semester. Potential topics
include motivation and emotion, error-correction and conceptual
change, and higher-order learning. Regardless of the topic, the
majority of the course will be structured around discussing primary
and secondary research articles. The main product of the course will
be a research proposal in which students will identify a question,
situate it within existing theory/research, describe the methodology to
answer the question, and discuss the predicted results. The goal of the
course is to provide students with opportunities to practice evaluating
research and theories, designing research, communicating ideas both
orally and in writing, and providing constructive criticism. Prerequisite:
Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.
Same as L12 Educ 5501
Credit 3 units.