

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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