Linguistics and Applied Language Studies Program

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree

DEGREE INFORMATION

Program Admission Deadlines:
- Fall: January 15th
- Spring: N/A
- Summer: N/A

Minimum Total Hours: 55 Post-Master’s

Program Level: Ph.D.

CIP Code: 16.0102

Dept. Code: WLE

Program (Major/College): APL AS

Approved: 2015

CONTACT INFORMATION

College: Arts and Sciences

Department: World Languages

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

This program in Linguistics and Applied Language Studies is designed to train advanced students in the field in using principled, empirical approaches to address language-related issues in the 21st century. Our faculty are equipped to meet the needs of students with diverse interests in the field. By the end of the program, our students will be able to:

- develop a strong knowledge base in the content areas of this field, including key topics, major lines of inquiry, current trends, and remaining questions;
- develop expertise in critical thinking as well as in oral and written communication for academic and non-academic audiences;
- contribute their expertise to advancing knowledge about the critical role of language(s) in a global society;
- demonstrate mastery of research methods and use these methods to design and conduct independent research on various topics in this field;
- contribute to the advancement of this field through scholarly publications and conference presentations;
- gain experience in teaching undergraduate courses;
- participate in professional activities in this field at national, regional, and local levels.

Major Research Areas:

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

Program Admission Requirements

Students also must have the following:

- GRE scores (taken within the last five years): Verbal reasoning: 153 (500, approximately 60% percentile); Quantitative reasoning: 144 (500, approximately 20% percentile); Analytical writing: 4.0.
- TOEFL scores: 100 ibt (or 7.5 on IELTS – note that IELTS scores cannot be used for the TA language requirement)
- GPA of 3.5 or higher in their MA degree
• Statement of research interest
• Current curriculum vitae
• A writing sample that shows evidence of research skill. This can be published or unpublished, such as an article, an MA thesis, or an MA course paper.
• 3 academic references
• MA in Applied Linguistics, Linguistics, TESOL, Second Language Studies, Foreign Languages, or a related field
• Experience with an additional language(s)
• Interview with program faculty

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Total Minimum Program Hours: 55 hours

Core courses: all courses in this category must be taken (22–24 credits)

- LIN 6720 3 Second Language Acquisition – 3 credits
- LIN 7630 3 Seminar on Research and Writing in Applied Linguistics* (to be taken in the first semester)
- LIN 7631 3 Advanced Seminar in Applied Linguistics* (LIN 6720 prerequisite)
- LIN 6675 3 The Grammatical Structure of American English, OR a course focusing on the morphology and syntax of another language in WLE department.
- LIN 7635 3 Professional Development* (to be taken at the end of the coursework)
- LIN 7638 3 Qualitative Methods in Applied Linguistics*
- LIN 7639 3 Quantitative Methods in Applied Linguistics*
- LIN 7910 1-3 Directed research in Applied Linguistics: to be taken the semester of writing the qualifying exam paper. The qualifying exam will be done at the end of the other coursework.

Foundation Course Electives (6 credits required). Based on student’s prior educational background, recommendations will be made by the admissions committee and implemented by the academic advisor/pedagogical coordinator. Each student is required to take a minimum of two of the following courses:

- LIN 5700 3 Applied Linguistics
- LIN 6081 3 Introduction to Graduate Studies
- LIN 6675 3 Grammatical Structure of American English (can’t count as a foundation credit if used to satisfy the structure of a language credit)
- TSL 5371 3 Methods of TESL
- TSL 5372 3 ESL Curriculum & Instruction
- TSL 5440 3 Language Testing
- TSL 5525 3 Cross-Cultural Issues in ESL

General Electives (9 credits required). Each student is required to take a minimum of three general electives. These can be from established course numbers or via the LIN 6932 special topics number and include the following:

- LIN 6601 3 Sociolinguistics
- LIN 6722 3 Writing process in SLA
- LIN 6726 3 Individual Differences in SLA
- LIN 6748 3 Contrastive Analysis

Sample Topics for LIN 6932:

- Discourse Analysis
- English for Academic Purposes/English for Specific Purposes
- Task-Based Language Teaching
- Sound System of English
- Pragmatics for Language Teachers
- Bilingualism/Multilingualism
- Corpus Linguistics
- Language and Technology

Note: In special circumstances, additional courses from the “foundation course electives” group may be taken as electives.
Qualifying Examination

Students will complete a two-part qualifying examination.

Dissertation hours – 18 credits minimum

LIN 7980 Dissertation

Students will complete 18 hours of dissertation research. The student will submit a proposal to the committee members and, once approved, will participate in an oral defense of that proposal. Finally, the student will submit a completed dissertation draft to the committee members and once approved will participate in an oral defense of the dissertation.

COURSES
See http://www.ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory/