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APPLIED LINGUISTICS

	Number and type of credits	2 hours seminar.
	Course Description	Required of all M.A. candidates concentrating in anthropology. Directed independent study in preparation for 3 hour comprehensive examination.
APLN500	Title	Language and Linguistics.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An overview of the study of language and linguistics intended to provide students with a clear understanding of human language and with the conceptual foundations of linguistics. The course will expose students to several major areas within linguistics: language acquisition, phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics. It will introduce the major tenets and principles of linguistics without surveying the areas treated in the other graduate courses in the department. It is a prerequisite for all other courses in the M.A. program.
APLN502	Title	Sociolinguistics.
	Prerequisites	APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	The study of language in its social context with a focus on language variation. Topics include language and social class, language and ethnicity, language and gender, and the study of standard versus nonstandard varieties of language.
APLN504	Title	Syntax.
	Prerequisites	APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An investigation of the findings of theoretical syntax and the valuable insights which these provide for syntactic analysis in language teaching, for language-learning texts, for translation, for work in artificial intelligence, etc.
APLN505	Title	Semantics and Pragmatics.
	Prerequisites	APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An exploration of the main tenets of contemporary semantics and pragmatics, the areas of linguistics that examine various aspects of meaning. The course investigates the boundaries between semantics and pragmatics by studying utterance meaning as well as lexical and sentence meaning. Students will

APLN506	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	learn about the applications of semantics and pragmatics to a variety of areas of applied linguistics. Phonetics and Phonology. APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only. 3 hours lecture. The study of the basic principles of phonetics and phonology, and the relevance of these principles to a variety of applications, including foreign-language teaching, speech pathology, and the analysis and synthesis of speech by computer.
APLN508	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Research Design in Applied Linguistics. APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only. 3 hours lecture. A course to train students in research design, methodology and data collection procedures. Students learn basic skills which prepare them for administrative and research positions in fields such as language planning, ESL curriculum evaluation and language learning measurement.
APLN510	Title Prerequisites	Discourse Analysis. APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.
APLN510	Number and type of credits Course Description	3 hours lecture. An investigation of the techniques used in discourse analysis, the branch of linguistics which studies how to analyze naturally occurring connected speech. Discourse analysis is the study of the organization of language above the sentence level including the structure of conversations. It considers language in a social context, in particular the language used in verbal interactions.
APLN512	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Cross-Cultural Discourse Analysis. APLN 510. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only. 3 hours lecture. A discourse analytic examination and comparison of the verbal practices and communicative strategies of different linguistic, social, and cultural groups. Students will broaden their understanding of discourse analysis by investigating verbal interactions that take place in different languages and

APLN518	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	within a variety of cultural contexts. Forensic Linguistics. APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only. 3 hours lecture. The study of the role of the linguist in the field of law. The course analyzes the difference between "truth" as defined by science and by the law. It describes how linguists can serve as "expert witnesses" in civil cases and in a wide range of criminal investigations. It also explores how dialect study, discourse analysis, lexical analysis, phonetics, pragmatics, etc. can provide linguistic evidence crucial to litigation.
APLN520	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Current Theories of Second Language Acquisition. APLN 500. 3 hours lecture. An in-depth analysis of the processes of child and adult second language acquisition (SLA) and how it differs from first language acquisition and the implications of these theories for the teaching and learning of second languages. The application of sociolinguistics and psycholinguistics to language teaching.
APLN522	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Sociocultural Theory and Second Language Acquisition/Learning. APLN 500. 3 hours lecture. An examination of the basic tenets of sociocultural theory of mind and their application to various aspects of second language acquisition/learning. The results of recent studies present evidence that collaborative mental activity carried out through linguistic means promotes second language learning. At the core of this theory is the principle of linguistically mediated cognition; that is, growth in mental abilities is mediated through language working in collaboration with others.
APLN524	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Advanced Structure of American English. APLN 500. 3 hours lecture. A detailed analysis of the phonological and grammatical structures of American English; advanced study of the social and stylistic varieties of American English; various theories of English grammar are studied.

APLN525	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Methodology of Teaching ESL. APLN 520. 3 hours lecture. The study of current issues in the teaching of English as a Second Language. Issues may include innovative teaching methodologies, the application of language learning theories to classroom teaching and the adaptation and development of instructional materials.
APLN526	Title Prerequisites Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description	Computer-Assisted Language Instruction. APLN 500. Special fee. 3 hours lecture. Designed for prospective and experienced foreign language and ESL teachers who are interested in exploring the following areas: the use of network-based computer instruction; authentic interactive language instruction via the World Wide Web; and the use and evaluation of currently available software and CD Roms for teaching second and foreign languages. This course is intended to introduce students to the use of computer-mediated language instruction and to the evaluation and selection of software for language learning.
APLN528	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Language Testing and Assessment. APLN 520 and 525. 3 hours lecture. Basic concepts of testing: reliability, validity, correlation, etc. Statistical concepts: correlation coefficient, standard deviation, etc. Testing individual language skills: listening, reading, writing and oral proficiency. Testing communicative competence. Measuring language dominance in bilingualism.
APLN529	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	TESL Practicum. APLN 525 may be taken as prerequisite or corequisite. Completion of other required courses for TESL certification. 3 hours lecture. To provide students who are seeking certification in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) as a second teaching field, with an opportunity to

APLN530	<p>Title</p> <p>Prerequisites</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>teach ESL in a formal classroom setting. Arrangements will be made on an individual basis for each student.</p> <p>Language Policy and Language Planning.</p> <p>APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>The study of the problems facing multilingual societies. The course explores the function of standard languages and the competition which often exists among different populations and languages. Topics include the role of language in ethnic loyalty, the dynamics of language loss and maintenance and the linguistic, economic, sociological, political and educational aspects of language planning.</p>
APLN532	<p>Title</p> <p>Prerequisites</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>Language and Culture in Minority Education.</p> <p>APLN 500.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>An investigation of the intimate connection between language, culture, and ethnic pride and identity. Study of the communication problems faced by bilingual children due to differences in verbal and non-verbal patterns of communication; survey of various instructional methods and models employed in teaching children from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds; study of the correlation between language and various socio-cultural factors.</p>
APLN534	<p>Title</p> <p>Prerequisites</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>Languages in Contact.</p> <p>APLN 500.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>A study of the effects of bilingualism and multilingualism on society and on the languages involved. By examining a variety of examples, students become familiar with the possible outcomes of language contact and with the factors that play a role in language-policy decisions in multilingual societies. Pidgins and creoles are also studied.</p>
APLN535	<p>Title</p> <p>Prerequisites</p>	<p>Language Policy in Nations in Transition.</p> <p>APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.</p>
APLN535	<p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>This course explores the language policy issues that arise in nations in</p>

APLN536	<p>Title</p> <p>Prerequisites</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>transitions, the ways in which such countries have dealt with or are dealing with these issues, and the outcomes of their actions. The general approach will be to examine a variety of contemporary and historical case studies--i.e. cases of language policy formation in developing countries around the world.</p> <p>Languages of the USA.</p> <p>APLN 500.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>A survey of the indigenous, colonial, and immigrant languages of the U.S. and how they are used in education and general communication. Also studied are factors affecting the maintenance or loss of languages and the shift from native languages to English with discussion of the mutual effects of language contact.</p>
APLN538	<p>Title</p> <p>Prerequisites</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Language Socialization.</p> <p>APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>A cross-cultural analysis of how children are socialized to use language and how children are socialized through the use of language. Investigates how children learn about their culture through learning their language. Connects the phenomenon of language acquisition to the belief-system and family structure within a society.</p>
APLN540	<p>Title</p> <p>Prerequisites</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>Literacy.</p> <p>APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>An exploration of the nature of written language and its role in cognition and in social and intellectual life. The linguistic, psychological, and functional differences between speaking, writing, and reading are studied. Literate and nonliterate societies are examined.</p>
APLN542	<p>Title</p> <p>Prerequisites</p> <p>Number and type of credits</p> <p>Course Description</p>	<p>Cross-cultural Perspectives on Literacy.</p> <p>APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.</p> <p>3 hours lecture.</p> <p>An overview of how reading and writing are acquired among various societies throughout the world and what educational implications this knowledge has in applied contexts, such as in the teaching of English as a Second Language.</p>
APLN544	<p>Title</p>	<p>Linguistics and Reading.</p>

	Prerequisites	APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	A study of the insights into the reading process provided by the linguist's description of what the speaker knows about language; an analysis of what the process of language acquisition tells us about the process by which children learn to read; an investigation of the connection between dialect differences and reading difficulties and an exploration of the contribution that linguistics makes for teaching second language learners to read English.
APLN550	Title	Computational Linguistics.
	Prerequisites	APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	A survey of the field of existing computer systems for analyzing natural language. The following areas are covered: parsing, semantic analysis and discourse analysis. Students will be required to analyze human language using a specific programming language such as PROLOG, LISP, or Pascal.
APLN552	Title	Current Issues in Natural Language Processing.
	Prerequisites	ALPN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
APLN552	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An investigation of the two methodologies that dominate speech and natural language processing: rule-based and probabilistic system design. The two methodologies will be compared in light of their suitability for language processing applications in syntactic and morphological analysis, speech synthesis and recognition, and text classification and information retrieval.
APLN553	Title	Text Analysis Tools.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	1.5 hours lecture, 1.5 hours lab.
	Course Description	An introduction to the computer analysis of text for use in research and teaching. Students learn to develop software to search and manipulate written text and transcribed speech. Applications in computer assisted language learning, corpus linguistics, lexicography, and translation are considered.

APLN560	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Translation Theory. APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only. 3 hours lecture. An exploration of the principles involved in providing semantic "equivalents" between two languages, emphasizing the problems of translating a variety of different types of texts which reflect major cross-cultural differences.
APLN565	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	Lexicography. APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only. 3 hours lecture. The study of the principles of compiling dictionaries. Topics include: the collection and evaluation of citations, semantic fields, defining, recording pronunciations, and determining usage. Attention will be paid to the differences among different types of dictionaries. Sample dictionaries are examined and students carry out their own lexicographic project.
APLN570	Title Prerequisites Number and type of credits Course Description	The Structure of American Sign Language. APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only. 3 hours lecture. The study of American sign language, or ASL, the manual language of many deaf Americans. This course approaches ASL from a linguistic perspective, examining its semantics, grammar, and "phonology", and comparing ASL with English and other spoken languages. ASL is also compared with other manual languages used in America, including signed English and "total communication". The educational implications of ASL and other manual languages are discussed.
APLN580	Title Prerequisites Special Fee Number and type of credits Course Description	Corpus Linguistics. APLN 500. Special fee. 3 hours lecture. Corpus Linguistics investigates how linguistic phenomena can be studied using large collections of language data that are available as machine-readable texts (corpora). This course introduces students to some of the commonly used methods and techniques for working with these large quantities of spoken and written language corpora.
APLN582	Title Prerequisites	Language and Mobile Communication. APLN 500.

	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course investigates linguistic aspects of mobile and computer-mediated communication in a variety of contexts and within specific social networks. Using publicly available corpora and a corpus of SMS text messages, students investigate various aspects of language on the go. These include linguistic simplifications, the structure of messages, stylistic variation, linguistic creativity, and the construction of personalized telephony-based networks.
APLN590	Title	Selected Topics in Applied Linguistics.
APLN590	Prerequisites	APLN 500. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	An intensive study in a particular area of applied linguistics to address topics not covered in other courses. Topics reflect current issues in applied linguistics. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6.0 credits as long as the topic is different.
APLN591	Title	Topics in Cognitive Linguistics.
	Prerequisites	APLN 500.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours lecture.
	Course Description	This course explores language as a cognitive function and examines the functioning of the mind through the study of language. It examines how cognitive mechanisms like memory, categorization, attention, and imagery are used during language behavior, and how psychologically viable models of language cover broad ranges of linguistic phenomena. It surveys the theoretical foundations of Cognitive Linguistics and the empirical evidence and arguments for it. Overall, the course considers the relationship between language and cognitive processing in the human brain, explains the conceptual structures and cognitive processes governing linguistic representation and behavior, and studies cognitive approaches to linguistic analysis, lexical semantics, and closely related frameworks of cognitive grammar and construction grammar.
APLN594	Title	Independent Study.
	Prerequisites	Departmental approval. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.

	Course Description	This course allows MA students to explore areas in Applied Linguistics that are not covered in the normal course offerings. May be repeated for a maximum of 6.0 credits.
APLN596	Title	Independent Study.
	Prerequisites	Departmental approval. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.
	Course Description	This course allows MA students to explore areas in Applied Linguistics that are not covered in the normal course offerings. May be repeated for a maximum of 6.0 credits.
APLN605	Title	Research Questions in Applied Linguistics.
	Prerequisites	All other required courses for the MA degree in Applied Linguistics. Restricted to MA students in Applied Linguistics (APLN) only.
	Course Description	Research on an approved topic or on an approved reading list in Applied Linguistics. For this requirement, students write a paper based on a research topic that they choose or write a response to a research topic provided to them based on readings that they choose. The papers and/or responses will be read and approved by three faculty members. For this final research requirement, students give an oral presentation at a Linguistics Department colloquium. A grade of In Progress (IP) will be used until the research is completed; may be repeated two times.
APLN610	Title	Seminar for Thesis Students in Applied Linguistics.
	Prerequisites	Departmental approval.
	Number and type of credits	3 hours seminar.
	Course Description	A seminar for the M.A. student who is completing a thesis. This seminar is designed to facilitate the writing of the thesis by providing students with an opportunity to discuss their work with a faculty facilitator and other M.A. students. This course will be taken after the other core courses have been completed and a thesis topic has been approved.
AQUA199	Title	Freshman Seminar in Aquatic and Coastal Sciences.
	Special Fee	Special fee.
	Number and type of credits	1 hour lecture.
AQUA199	Course Description	An experience for entering students that will help them to succeed as Coastal