Applied Language Studies

Minor

Sometimes called applied linguistics, the field of Applied Language Studies (ALS) is devoted to the study of particular domains of language learning and use, such as foreign language learning and teaching, bilingualism and multilingualism, translation and interpretation, communication in professional contexts, or intercultural communication. The ALS minor will help students use their language learning experience, for example, to gain an understanding of:

- How languages are learned.
- How language relates to individual cognition and social context.
- How languages are used to achieve a wide range of social, cultural, aesthetic purposes.
- How language relates to culture, power, and identity.
- How language and other symbolic systems construct both actual and virtual realities.
- What it means to be bi- or multilingual.

This minor will be particularly useful for those who have experienced learning or speaking a language other than English, but it is open to all undergraduates.

Offered by the Undergraduate and Interdisciplinary Studies Division (UGIS) of the College of Letters & Science. There is no major program in Applied Language Studies.

Declaring the Minor

Students submit the petition to confirm the completion of the minor (https://drive.google.com/file/d/11zRhsYuu0qg9sUBBub2ZYjQO9s-gH2gYoqw/view/) to Patrick Civello (UGIS) preferably no later than their penultimate semester. Please include a copy of your class schedule and a copy of your transcript. Patrick's office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 11:45 and 1:45 to 5:30 p.m., in 263 Evans Hall. The petition may also be delivered to his mailbox in 258 Evans Hall.

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General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared no later than one semester before a student's Expected Graduation Term (EGT). If the semester before EGT is fall or spring, the deadline is the last day of RRR week. If the semester before EGT is summer, the deadline is the final Friday of Summer Sessions. To declare a minor, contact the department advisor for information on requirements, and the declaration process.
2. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be taken for graded credit.
3. A minimum of three of the upper division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.

5. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
6. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
7. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate. If you cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, please see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
8. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

Upper Division (Five Courses)

UGIS 120 Introduction to Applied Language Studies 3

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COG SCI C142 Language and Thought [3]
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EDUC 240C Issues in First and Second Language Acquisition [3] 1
EDUC 245A Approaches in Teaching English as a Second Language [3] 1
EDUC 250C Discourse Analysis [3] 1
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FRENCH 146A Introduction to French Linguistics [4]
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