

Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Linguistics (CAL)

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Purpose

The Certificate in Applied Linguistics (CAL) is designed to provide the student with foundational skills necessary to learn national and minority languages and to develop written materials in and about lesser-known languages. The program deals with principles basic to all languages and cultures around the world, helping to prepare the graduate to learn and work in any language, even though it may be unwritten and undescribed.

Completing the Certificate may provide entrance to these careers and fields of service:

1. Translation.
2. Teaching in a mother-tongue context.
3. Cross-language and cross-cultural work in a business or non-profit setting.
4. Minority language literacy and applied anthropology.
5. Language research and documentation.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Certificate in Applied Linguistics, students will be able to:

1. Develop and implement a plan for self-directed language and culture learning.
2. Collect language data, organize it appropriately, and carry out initial linguistic analysis of that data.
3. Collect cultural data, organize it appropriately, and carry out initial ethnographic analysis of that data.
4. Identify and describe factors that are relevant to language development for minority language groups in multilingual societies.

Curriculum

The prescribed curriculum for the Certificate in Applied Linguistics provides an introduction to the fields of study on which graduate-level studies at DIU are built. Students are introduced to sociolinguistics and articulatory phonetics, as well as phonological, grammatical, and ethnographic analysis. Building on these fields, students learn how to acquire a second language and culture, and guidelines for collecting and managing field data. Students are encouraged to take the courses in the order in which they appear on the curriculum chart. This is to the student's advantage, as the courses are designed to build on the previous coursework.

Prerequisites

The Certificate in Applied Linguistics courses are foundation courses that prepare students to take graduate-level courses at DIU. The specific Certificate courses required for admission to the master's degree program are different for each major and, in some cases, each concentration (see the description of each program for detailed information). Students who have taken a similar course or courses at another university may petition, with proper documentation, for DIU to recognize previous coursework for a specific Certificate course(s).

To Receive the Certificate in Applied Linguistics

DIU will grant the Certificate in Applied Linguistics to students who have filed an approved *IPS for Certificate Programs*. This IPS should be approved and filed in the Registrar's Office prior to completing the program courses at DIU. Once a student has successfully completed at least 13 semester hours toward the Certificate at DIU, a petition to transfer undergraduate credits up to 12 semester hours of the Certificate, based on courses taken elsewhere, may be submitted.

To earn the Certificate in Applied Linguistics, students must successfully complete this 25-undergraduate-credit certificate program, with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 and a satisfactory final grade of at least "C" in each course taken at DIU and counting toward the Certificate in AL.

BA students who desire to earn the Certificate in AL must take the graduate-level courses AL5207 Field Data Management and AL 5406 Field Methods and Linguistic Analysis, rather than the undergraduate versions of these courses in the BA Linguistics Minor.

In order to receive a Certificate award, students are expected to submit (1) Application to Receive a Certificate form and (2) Certificate Clearance form during the term they are planning to complete the Certificate program. The Certificate in Applied Linguistics is awarded at the end of the term in which all courses have been successfully completed or petitioned.

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The Certificate in Applied linguistics can be completed in two 16-week semesters.

Certificate in Applied Linguistics Courses Sample Plan of Study	
	Hours
Semester 1	
AL4302 Principles of Articulatory and Acoustic Phonetics	3
AL4303 Principles of Phonological Analysis	3
AL4410 Principles of Grammatical Analysis or AL5301 Morphosyntax	4 (3)
AA4305 Second Language and Culture Acquisition	3
Semester 2	
AL5207 Field Data Management	2
AL5406 Field Methods and Linguistic Analysis	4
AA4350 Language and Society	3
AA4370 Cultural Anthropology	3
TOTAL	25 (24)