

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Dual-Titles

DUAL-TITLE PHD IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS AND AFRICAN STUDIES

The goal of the dual-title degree in Applied Linguistics and African Studies is to enable graduate students from Applied Linguistics to acquire the knowledge and skills of their major area of specialization in Applied Linguistics while gaining the perspective from specialists in African Studies.

This program provides graduate students with a solid disciplinary foundation that will allow them to compete for the best jobs in their field. The dual-title PhD in Applied Linguistics and African Studies will enable these students to transform the traditional boundaries of their fields and become experts in African Studies and will add value to their status as candidates. Overall, the dual-title degree in Applied Linguistics and African Studies will build curricular bridges beyond the student's major field to provide a unique training regime for global scholarship.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The PhD in Applied Linguistics and African Studies is open to students who are admitted to the Applied Linguistics doctoral program and, subsequently, to the dual-title degree program in African Studies. Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in African Studies prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate program.

Applicants interested in the program should make their interest in the dual-title degree program known on their applications and include remarks in their essays that explain their training, interests, and career goals in an area of African Studies.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for an African Studies degree, students must satisfy the requirements of the Applied Linguistics program in which they are primarily enrolled as well as the requirements described below, as established by the African Studies committee. Within this framework, the final course selection is determined by the student and their African Studies and Applied Linguistics program advisors.

Upon a student's acceptance by the African Studies Admissions Committee, the student will be assigned an African Studies academic advisor in consultation with the African Studies chair. As students develop specific scholarly interests, they may request that a different African Studies faculty member serve as their advisor. The student and advisor will discuss a program of study that is appropriate for the student's professional objectives and that is in accord with the policies of the Graduate School, Applied Linguistics Department, and African Studies program.

The PhD in Applied Linguistics and African Studies is awarded only to students who are admitted to the Applied Linguistics doctoral program and to the dual-title degree in African Studies.

REQUIRED COURSES IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS

The basic coursework requirement for APLNG students entering with an MA degree is 37 credits (excluding 8 for doctoral dissertation writing), including one from a proseminar and four semesters with 9 credits each. Six of these credits can be double counted toward the AFR requirement.

Students taking the dual-title degree will have to enroll for an additional 12 credits in AFR putting the total for coursework at 49 credits. In this dual-title degree, students are expected to do coursework until Year 3. They concentrate on writing their dissertation in Years 4 and 5.

On rare occasions, the program may admit exceptionally qualified students entering the program with B.A. degree only. To satisfy the coursework requirements in both programs, these students will need 54 credits in APLNG and 12 credits in AFR beyond the 6 double counted APLNG credits. These students will be counseled to take advantage of summer credit options and will be permitted one or two semesters of 12 credits such that they may complete their comprehensive examinations in the 7th semester.

The minimum course requirements for the PhD in Applied Linguistics are listed below:

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
APLNG 580	Proseminar in Applied Linguistics	1
APLNG 582	Seminar in Approaches to Language Use	3
APLNG 591	Seminar in Second Language Acquisition	3
Research Methodologies		
Students are required to take a minimum of 12 credits, part of which includes the 6-credit course sequence APLNG 577 and APLNG 593:		12
APLNG 575	Language Ideology	
APLNG 576	Language Socialization across Home, School, and Community Contexts	
APLNG 577	Language Analysis	
APLNG 578	Computational and Statistical Methods for Corpus Analysis	
APLNG 581	Discourse Analysis	
APLNG 586	Analyzing Classroom Discourse	
APLNG 592	Qualitative Research in Applied Linguistics	
APLNG 593	Experimental Research on Language	
Additional Courses		
In consultation with their academic advisor, students are required to take a minimum of 18 credits of additional courses:		18
APLNG 510	Health and Aging in Multilingual Contexts	
APLNG 511		
APLNG 570	Second Language Reading	
APLNG 571	Usage-Based Approaches to Second Language Learning and Teaching	
APLNG 572	Communication in Second Language Classrooms	
APLNG 512	Language and Adult Lifespan Development	
APLNG 574	World Englishes: Pluralizing Policy, Pedagogy, and Proficiency	
APLNG 575	Language Ideology	
Africa-Related Course Work		
APLNG 597	Special Topics	

REQUIRED COURSES IN AFRICAN STUDIES

To satisfy the conditions for the dual-title degree, the student must additionally complete the following African Studies requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
Africa-Related Coursework		
18 credits of Africa-related coursework at the 400 or 500 level, of which the following are required.		
Students may choose from one of the two courses below:		
AFR 501	Key Issues in African Studies	
AFR 505	African Studies Methodology	
A minimum of 6 credits from:		
AFR 510	Post-Colonial Theory	
AFR 512	Decolonial Methods for Interdisciplinary Research	
AFR 520	Readings in African History	
AFR 526	African Social and Cultural Systems	
AFR 530	Perspectives on African Language Research in the Global South	

Double counting is allowed, and up to 6 of the 18 credits may come from Africa-related courses in Applied Linguistics or other units, as approved by the student's Applied Linguistics and African Studies Program academic advisors.

No more than 6 credits may be taken at the 400 level, and no more than 6 combined credits may come from individual studies courses and/or foreign studies courses.

The choice of additional courses in African Studies is to be proposed by the student, subject to approval by the Applied Linguistics and African Studies advisors. The suite of selected courses should have an integrated, intellectual thrust that probes a thematic, national, or regional issue and that is complementary to the student's specialty in the primary program.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Communication and foreign language requirements will be determined by the student and the Applied Linguistics and African Studies Program advisors in accordance with the existing Applied Linguistics language requirements.

Qualifying EXAM

The dual-title degree will be guided by the qualifying exam procedure of the Applied Linguistics graduate program. The qualifying exam for the dual-title degree may be given after at least 18 post-baccalaureate credits have been earned in graduate courses; it must be taken within three semesters (summer sessions do not count) of entry into the Applied Linguistics graduate program. The dual-title degree student may require one additional semester to fulfill requirements for the dual-title degree program. The qualifying examination may, therefore, be delayed by a semester. There will be a single qualifying examination that contains elements of the major discipline and African Studies.

The qualifying examination committee for the dual-title degree will be composed of graduate faculty from Applied Linguistics and at least one graduate faculty member from the African Studies Program. The designated dual-title faculty member may be appointed from Applied Linguistics if that person holds a formal appointment with the African Studies Program.

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The doctoral committee of a dual-title degree student must include a minimum of four faculty members, i.e., the chair and at least three additional members, all of whom must be members of the graduate faculty. In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D.

committees, the committee must include at least one member of the African Studies Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold Graduate Faculty appointments in both Applied Linguistics and African Studies may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not a member of the Graduate Faculty in African Studies, the member of the committee representing African Studies must be appointed as co-chair.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

After completing all coursework, doctoral candidates for the dual-title degree in Applied Linguistics and African Studies must pass a comprehensive examination that includes written and oral components. Written components will be administered for a candidate's major Applied Linguistics subfield and African Studies. The Comprehensive Examination will be made up of two questions jointly composed by the student's committee under the direction of the chair of the student's PhD committee.

DISSERTATION AND DISSERTATION DEFENSE

Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn a PhD. Students enrolled in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that reflects their original research and education in Applied Linguistics and African Studies.

Dual-Title Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics and Asian Studies

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

Graduate students with research and educational interests in Asian Studies may apply to the Applied Linguistics/Asian Studies Degree Program. The goal of the dual-title degree Applied Linguistics and Asian Studies is to enable graduate students from Applied Linguistics to acquire the knowledge and skills of their major area of specialization in Applied Linguistics while at the same time gaining the perspective of Asian Studies.

In order to prepare graduate students for the competitive job market, this program provides them with a solid disciplinary foundation that will allow them to compete for the best jobs in their field. For such students the dual-title Ph.D. in Asian Studies will add value to their degree and their status as candidates. It will produce excellent linguists who are experts in Asian Studies as well. The dual-title degree in Applied Linguistics and Asian Studies will build curricular bridges beyond the student's major field so as to provide a unique training regime for the global scholar.

Admission Requirements

For admission to the dual-title Ph.D. degree under this program, a student must first apply and be admitted to the Applied Linguistics graduate program. Once accepted into the Applied Linguistics program, the student can apply to the Admissions Committee of the Asian Studies. The Asian Studies Admissions Committee reviews applications and recommends students for admission to the Asian Studies program to the Graduate School. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the Asian Studies Bulletin page (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/asian-studies/>). Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in Asian Studies prior to taking the qualifying examination in their primary graduate program. Applicants interested in the program should also make their interest in the dual-title degree program known clearly on their applications and include remarks

in their essays that explain their training, interests, and career goals in an area of Asian Studies.

Degree Requirements

To qualify for an Asian Studies degree, students must satisfy the requirements of the Applied Linguistics program in which they are primarily enrolled. In addition, they must satisfy the requirements described below, as established by the Asian Studies committee. Within this framework, final course selection is determined by the student, their Asian Studies adviser, and their Applied Linguistics program adviser.

Upon a student's acceptance by the Asian Studies Admissions Committee, the student will be assigned an Asian Studies academic adviser in consultation with the Asian Studies chair. As students develop specific scholarly interests, they may request that a different Asian Studies faculty member serve as their adviser. The student and adviser will discuss a program of study that is appropriate for the student's professional objectives and that is in accord with the policies of The Graduate School, the Applied Linguistics department and the Asian Studies program.

The doctoral degree in Applied Linguistics and Asian Studies is awarded only to students who are admitted to the Applied Linguistics doctoral program and admitted to the dual-title degree in Asian Studies. The minimum course requirements for the dual-title Ph.D. degree in Applied Linguistics and Asian Studies are as follows:

60 credits beyond the master's degree, including:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
APLNG 580	Proseminar in Applied Linguistics	1
<i>Foundations Courses</i>		
Select 6 credits, which may include but need not be limited to the following:		6
APLNG 591	Seminar in Second Language Acquisition	
APLNG 597	Special Topics	
<i>Research Methods</i>		
Select 6 credits, which may include but need not be limited to the following:		6
APLNG 593	Experimental Research on Language	
APLNG 597	Special Topics	
APLNG 581	Discourse Analysis	
APLNG 586	Analyzing Classroom Discourse	
<i>Asia-related Coursework</i>		
ASIA 501	Proseminar in Asian Studies I	3
ASIA 502	Proseminar in Asian Studies II	3
Select 9 credits at the 400 or 500 level ¹		9
<i>Electives</i>		
Select 6 credits in Applied Linguistics electives, in consultation with the applied linguistics adviser		6
Language Requirement		
All-skills proficiency in one Asian language AND intermediate speaking competence in an additional language other than English		
Total Credits		34

graduate studies. The remaining credits can be taken in ASIA or in any department other than Applied Linguistics.

Particular courses may satisfy both the Applied Linguistics requirements and those of the Asian Studies program. Final course selection is determined by the student in consultation with their dual-title program advisers and their major program advisers.

¹ As many as 6 may come from Applied Linguistics, as approved by the student's doctoral adviser and the Asian Studies Program director of