

Community-based Literacy as Applied Linguistics Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Community-Based Literacy as Applied Linguistics, which is offered as part of UND's Linguistics program, is intended to prepare students to promote literacy in other countries, particularly in multilingual societies and through non-traditional programs that are outside the formal educational system. Examples of such programs include those that address adult functional literacy (in health, agriculture, etc.), rights-based literacy, literacy in the local language first with transition to biliteracy in a national language or other language of wider communication, and transfer of literacy skills from a language of wider communication to literacy in the local language.

Mission Statement

To prepare students to organize, teach, manage and promote non-formal literacy programs in multilingual societies, particularly in developing countries, and to provide a graduate-level credential to people working in literacy in other countries where such a credential is often expected by governments and NGOs and can be very helpful for career advancement.

Admission Requirements

1. A four-year bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university.
2. Either:
 - a. one year of experience living and working in another country and culture; or
 - b. a course in cultural anthropology or sociolinguistics at the 300-level or higher.
3. A GPA for all previous college-level work of 2.8 or better.

In addition, it is recommended that students have either a background in education or in linguistics (such as one summer at UND taking courses from SIL).

Certificate Requirements

The following courses:

<u>LING 520</u>	Foundational Issues of Community-based Literacy in Multilingual Societies	3
<u>LING 521</u>	Literacy Program Planning and Management	3
<u>LING 522</u>	Materials and Methods in Adult Literacy	3
<u>LING 530</u>	Introduction to Writing Systems	1
Total Credits		10

(Students must be accepted into the certificate program before enrolling in any of these courses.)

A maximum of nine credits from this graduate certificate may be used toward the M.A. in linguistics, if the student enrolls in the M.A. program after completing the certificate. No professional accreditation is associated with the certificate. See more detailed information at: <http://arts-sciences.und.edu/summer-institute-of-linguistics>.

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