

Veranstalter.....	Simone Lechner, M.A.
Thema.....	Introduction to Applied Linguistics
Art der Veranstaltung.....	1b Seminar
Veranstaltungsnummer.....	53-511
Zeit.....	Thursdays 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Raum.....	1219
Beginn.....	Thursday, April 3rd 2014

Course description:

Have you ever wondered what linguistics is useful for? Or more specifically, have you ever wondered why *you* need to learn linguistics? This course aims to shed some light on aspects of linguistics that can be of use to you in your future career by offering an introduction to applied linguistics with a focus on applied English linguistics.

Applied linguistics is a field that is ubiquitous and therefore difficult to define. Originating in the field of language education and oftentimes used synonymously in its narrow definition, in its broader sense it encompasses not only aspects of linguistics in language teaching and education, but also language policy and planning, translation and interpreting, business communication and many other areas. In this course, we will look at different subfields in the area of applied linguistics according to its broad definition. These include forensic linguistics, medical linguistics, language policy and planning, linguistics in education, translating and interpreting and business communication.

To this end, we will read articles dealing with the state of the art in each of these subfields. Furthermore, we will discover why microlinguistic knowledge is important for all of these fields, focusing on aspects of the English language in particular. Moreover, we will look at how educators, law enforcement, policy makers and others can apply linguistic knowledge in their fields of expertise. We will also investigate how and where linguistic knowledge can serve in gaining a deeper understanding of aspects of literary sciences, therefore allowing you to apply your knowledge of linguistics to literary science and vice versa.

Due to the nature of the course, you will be able to participate in and initiate projects that deal with diverse aspects of applied linguistics. By the end of the course, you will have gained an overview over the area of applied linguistics. You will understand how microlinguistic aspects such as phonetics and phonology and syntax intersect with diverse areas within the field. You will have an idea on how to apply the linguistic knowledge gained at university in your future career paths and hopefully have gained a better understanding of what role linguistics plays in diverse areas of everyday life.

Course Requirements: Presentation + Equivalent to Term Paper

Recommended introductory literature:

Simpson, James. 2011. Introduction: applied linguistics in the contemporary world. In: James Simpson (ed.). *The Routledge Handbook of Applied Linguistics*. Abingdon, Oxon and New York: Routledge, pp. 1-9.

Wee, Lionel. 2011. Language policy and planning. In: James Simpson (ed.). *The Routledge Handbook of Applied Linguistics*. Abingdon, Oxon and New York: Routledge, pp. 11-23.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Thursdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
---	---------------------------

Sprechstunden während der Semesterferien:	t.b.a.
--	--------