



Linguistics 480: The Language of Teaching and Learning

This course focuses on spoken English for effective communication in the American classroom. Students explore strategies for engaging non-expert audiences with introductory concepts in their fields, and practice communicating information typical of introductory-level courses. It is designed to prepare students for a live teaching demonstration delivered toward fulfillment of The Graduate School's English proficiency requirement.

Details about the course:

Instructors: The course will be co-taught by Dr. Erin Leddon from the Department of Linguistics and English Language Programs, and by Dr. Nancy Ruggeri, Director of Graduate and Postdoctoral Programs in the Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching.

Instruction: Course content will focus on oral English language skills for effective classroom instruction. The course is limited to 15 students. This is a zero-credit course.

Assessment: Students who pass the course will be eligible to be assessed through a live teaching demonstration. Students who pass the teaching demonstration will fulfill The Graduate School's English language proficiency requirement and become eligible to earn funding as a Graduate Assistant (GA) or Teaching Assistant (TA).

Eligibility. To participate, students must meet the following criteria:

- Students must be nominated by their home departments. A link to an online nomination form will be sent to Directors of Graduate Studies during spring quarter.
- Only students who will be appointed as a GA/TA by their departments in the following academic year are eligible.
- Students must have enrolled in English Language Programs services, specifically Linguistics 380 (group instruction course) or Linguistics 482 (individual tutoring), at least once during the preceding academic year.
- Students who participate in multiple English Language Programs services over multiple quarters will be given highest preference.
- Students who have not yet passed The Graduate School's English language proficiency requirement will be given preference for selection.

Students who have been selected through the nomination process will be notified and enrolled in Linguistics 480 for Summer Quarter.

This course offers a great way to prepare for teaching at Northwestern and beyond, and a new way to fulfill The Graduate School's English language proficiency requirement.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have about this course. Please direct questions to Dr. Erin Leddon at e-mcmahon@northwestern.edu.