

Northwestern

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

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 Assessment evaluated toward fulfillment of The Graduate School's English Proficiency Requirement.

Students in the course receive extensive support in preparing for the Teaching Demonstration Assessment, through an intensive course that prepares them to teach at Northwestern and beyond.

Details about the course:

Instructors: The course will be co-taught by faculty and advanced graduate students from English Language Programs and 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 earn a satisfactory grade will be eligible for a live Teaching Demonstration Assessment at the conclusion of the course. Students who pass the assessment 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 program staff and 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 fulfilled The Graduate School's English 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. Students must commit to being available to attend class sessions held during June and July on the Evanston campus.

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.