



# Introduction to...

## Applied Linguistics

This seminar provides a broad overview of issues and methods in Applied Linguistics. The seminar consists of four two-hour sessions.

- **Session one** introduces various perspectives on the nature of language, beginning with a consideration of the Universalist and Relativist positions. Examination of Chomskyan linguistics contrasted with social perspectives provides the basis for the key notions of Linguistic Competence and Communicative Competence.
- **Session two** is an introduction to the description of English in terms of its Morphology, Phonology, Semantics and Grammar.
- **Session three** introduces Systemic Functional Linguistics, and explores the use of this framework to describe language use in context by focusing on its various semantic functions.
- **Session four** briefly examines Critical Discourse Analysis, which investigates the relationship between language use in a particular context and wider social processes, and links this to Ethnography, which stresses the importance of grounding theoretical linguistic interpretations in the experience of the participants.

### Aims and objectives

This seminar aims to provide a brief but comprehensive overview of issues and methods in Applied Linguistics and serve as a starting point for further study.

On completion of the seminar, participants should understand key concepts in Applied Linguistics, including competing perspectives on the nature of language. They should also have a basic familiarity with key methods of language analysis.

### Entry requirements & Assessment

This seminar is open to all and assumes no prior knowledge of the subject. There is no assessment. Certificates of participation are awarded to all participants.

### Academic Seminars Series

Each seminar in the series is self-contained. There are inter-related themes, but no overlap in the content, so you can choose to attend any or all of them.

### Registration

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