HOW TO APPLY FOR THE GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE:

Use this checklist to guide you through the Graduate Academic Certificate (GAC) in linguistics application process. Currently, we offer GAC in two areas: TESOL and Computational Linguistics.

SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH THE TOULOUSE GRADUATE SCHOOL

- ☐ If you are not a current student, submit an application and supplementary documentation with the Toulouse Graduate School *
- ☐ Choose your GAC concentration: TESOL or Computational Linguistics under major/area of study
- ☐ Under 'Initial Degree You Wish to Seek', choose 'Certification'**
- ☐ Current students must submit the Application for Concurrent Graduate Academic Certificate. ***

GAC IN TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES-PROGRAM LENGTH: 1 YEAR

Education, foreign language, anthropology, and speech and hearing majors find the certificate particularly helpful as it equips them with a skill set that expands their educational and employment options and further distinguishes them from the competition. Professional and technical communication majors should also consider earning a TESOL certificate (the coursework counts toward the degree's required cognate) as it deepens their understanding of writing and editing and enhances their ability to work with global audiences.

GAC IN COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS- PROGRAM LENGTH: 1 YEAR

Computational Linguistics (CL) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) – often viewed as one and the same thing – are rapidly growing fields in the high-tech sector, critical for development of such technologies such as voice-enabled smart phones (e.g. Siri, Cortana) and home assistants (e.g. Alexa). IBM's Jeopardy-winning Watson system is another example of what CL can do. Yet another application area is text analytics for market analysis. This certificate is specifically intended to address a growing need for language processing skills, particularly those associated with the rapid growth of artificial intelligence/cognitive technologies. Systems like Siri or Alexa are built on a pipeline of language processing technologies, ranging from voice and speech recognition to language understanding and automatic question answering. Developing such technologies is a complex process that requires knowledge from both Linguistics and Computer Science.

DEGREE PLAN REQUIREMENT

Admission to a Graduate Academic Certificate does not imply admission to an Academic program. A *maximum of 12 semester hours* earned prior to admission to a degree program may be counted toward degree requirements and may vary by program. Successful completion of graduate courses by non-degree or certification-only students does not obligate the university to grant admission to a degree program at a later date.

*Please note: as a non-degree seeking student, you may not be eligible for financial aid. Contact Student Financial Aid and Scholarships for more details.

**GAC applicants are still required to list previous unis attended

***International and Domestic applicants use the same form. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact an advisor at ci-advising@unt.edu.