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LINGUISTICS 850-4  
Foundations of Applied Linguistics

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Explores the range of theories that are used within applied linguistics, including issues of theory evaluation and application. In the class we will examine various theories to explain the acquisition of second/foreign languages. Objectives include a) examining the multiple factors that influence language acquisition and understanding the main phenomena common to most learners of a second language; b) examining in depth various theories that have been offered to explain the complex processes involved in learning an additional language; c) discussing the role of instruction in second language acquisition; and d) critically reading and evaluating research on second language acquisition.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

- Mitchell, Rosalind, & James Britton (1989). *Foreign Language Learning in the Classroom*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.