HOW TO APPLY FOR THE GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE:

Use this checklist to guide you through the Graduate Academic Certificate (GACT) in linguistics application process. Currently, we offer GACT in two areas: TESOL and Computational Linguistics. **Please note: applicants who are not currently enrolled in UNT Linguistics graduate program must also submit supplemental documents directly to the Department of Linguistics.**

SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH THE TOULOUSE GRADUATE SCHOOL

- ☐ If you are not a current UNT graduate student, submit an application with the Toulouse Graduate School.
- ☐ Choose your GACT concentration: TESOL or Computational Linguistics under 'major/area of study'.
- ☐ Under 'Initial Degree You Wish to Seek', choose 'Certification'**
- ☐ Current UNT graduate students must submit the Application for Concurrent Graduate Academic Certificate.
- ☐ Required Supplemental Documents are:
    - o A 300-500 word statement of purpose for pursuing the certificate
    - o A current resume/CV
    - o Two letters of recommendation (Academic is preferred. A relevant professional letter can be an option)

✍ These can be submitted directly to ling-admissions@unt.edu or HERE.

GACT IN TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES-PROGRAM LENGTH: 4 COURSES

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.

GACT IN COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS- PROGRAM LENGTH: FOUR COURSES

This certificate is specifically intended to address a growing need for language processing skills, particularly those associated with the rapid growth of artificial intelligence and machine learning 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. Students who complete the certificate will develop proficiency in core methods and toolkits for the automated analysis of language.

GACT REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who do not have a background in linguistics will be required to take LING 5040 as a prerequisite. Admission to a Graduate Academic Certificate does not imply admission to a degree 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.

**GAC applicants are still required to list previous universities 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.