

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

June 23, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Ph.D. in Linguistics and Applied Language Studies (CIP 16.0102),  
University of South Florida

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of the Ph.D. in Linguistics and Applied Language Studies at the University of South Florida, CIP Code 16.0102

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of South Florida (USF) is proposing to offer a PhD in Linguistics and Applied Language Studies. The program will focus on addressing practical, everyday problems related to language. As an applied discipline, it is centered upon problems such as how writing is used by different disciplines to construct professional expertise, and in defining and measuring language abilities. The purpose of the program is to train new researchers who will contribute to research and education in Applied Linguistics, as they promote principled approaches to language-related concerns.

The PhD in Linguistics and Applied Language Studies would be the second program in linguistics to be offered by a Florida university. The program will require the completion of 55 credit hours beyond a master's degree.

The USF Board of Trustees approved the program on December 3, 2015. If approved by the Board of Governors, the program will be implemented in Fall 2016.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials