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The concept of linguistic capital is pivotal within the sphere of sociolinguistics and has significant implications for the language learning process. Originating from Bourdieu's broader sociological framework which delineates various forms of capital—economic, social, cultural, and symbolic—linguistic capital specifically refers to the mastery of and facility with language that confers power and status within a given social sphere (Bourdieu, 1991). This study explores the nuances of linguistic capital, its relevance and application within the context of language learning at Hanoi Pedagogical University 2, and strategies used by English majors for leveraging this form of capital to enhance language acquisition and pedagogical outcomes.

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