

SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, DOCTORAL MINOR

The Option A minor in Second Language Acquisition (SLA) offers graduate students both a theoretical and a practical background in the increasingly important area of SLA. After completing the minor, students will be prepared to understand research in SLA and to develop teaching curricula based on principles of second language learning and teaching.

ADMISSIONS

Students wishing to minor in SLA should first contact the relevant SLA committee member (<http://sla.wisc.edu/people/faculty/>) in their department who will refer them to the SLA minor advisor. Students declaring the minor are required to meet with Professor Naomi Geyer (nfgeyer@wisc.edu), SLA minor advisor, before registering for SLA minor courses.

REQUIREMENTS

The SLA minor consists of 9 credits: a required course and two elective courses. Students without a background in linguistics and language pedagogy are encouraged to take introductory linguistics and teaching methodology courses before starting the SLA minor. Students may transfer up to 3 credits from prior graduate work, upon approval.

All students are required to take ENGL 318 Second Language Acquisition or CURRIC 673 Learning Second Language and Literacies. Students also choose two courses from the approved SLA list. With approval of the SLA minor advisor, students may count up to 3 credits (one course) of prior graduate study toward the minor.

Approved SLA course list

Code	Title	Credits
African Cultural Studies		
AFRICAN 701	Advanced Topics in African Linguistics ¹	3
Curriculum and Instruction		
CURRIC 673	Learning Second Language and Literacies	1-6
CURRIC 674	Advanced Methods in Teaching English as a Second Language	3-6
CURRIC 675	General Seminar ¹	1-3
CURRIC 743	Educational Technology for Deep Language Learning ²	1-3
CURRIC 964	Seminar in World Language Education	1-3
CURRIC 975	General Seminar ²	2-3
English		
ENGL 414	Global Spread of English ³	3
ENGL 420	Topics in English Language and Linguistics	3

ENGL 703	Research Methods in Composition Studies	3
ENGL/SOC 710	Interaction Analysis: Talk as Social Organization	3
ENGL 711	Research Methods in Applied Linguistics	3
ENGL 713	Topics in Contemporary English Linguistics ¹	3
ENGL 715	Advanced Second Language Acquisition	3
ENGL 905	Seminar- Topics in Applied English Linguistics ¹	3

French and Italian

FRENCH/ITALIAN 821	Issues in Methods of Teaching French and Italian ^{1,2}	1-3
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German

GERMAN 727	Topics in Applied Linguistics ¹	3
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Sociology

SOC 735	Ethnomethodology & Conversation Analysis	3
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Spanish

Note: Spanish courses are generally offered in Spanish; contact instructor

SPANISH 544	Contemporary Issues in Applied Spanish Linguistics ²	3
SPANISH 630	Topics in Hispanic Linguistics ²	3
SPANISH 815	Seminar in Language: Modern Spanish ²	3

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Topics courses. Students should see the SLA Minor Advisor for approval of topics appropriate for the minor.

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Courses must be taken for a total of 3 credits, in one or multiple enrollments.

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Instructor and SLA advisor consent required.

PEOPLE

SLA Steering Committee - The interdisciplinary SLA Steering Committee (<https://sla.wisc.edu/steering-committee-members/>) is comprised of members from the units listed below.

African Cultural Studies: Professor Katrina Thompson

Asian Languages and Cultures: Associate Professor Naomi Geyer, Associate Professor Byung-Jin Lim and Professor Junko Mori

Curriculum and Instruction: Professor Margaret Hawkins, Associate Professor Mariana Pacheco, Assistant Professor Diego Roman, Professor Francois Tochon and Professor Kate Vieira

English: Assistant Professor Jacee Cho

French and Italian: Associate Professor Heather Allen

German, Nordic, and Slavic: Professor Monika Chavez and Professor Karen Evans-Romaine

Language Institute: Director Dianna Murphy

Spanish and Portuguese: Associate Professor Cathy Stafford

Staff: Kristin Dalby (Graduate Coordinator) and Skender Jahiu (Financial and Payroll Specialist)