SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION AND TEACHER EDUCATION (SLATE)

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Graduate Concentration: Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education
Participating Programs: Anthropology (Ph.D.), Communication (Ph.D.), Curriculum and Instruction (Ph.D.), East Asian Languages and Cultures (Ph.D.), Educational Psychology (Ph.D.), French (Ph.D.), German (Ph.D.), Italian (Ph.D.), Linguistics (Ph.D.), Portuguese (Ph.D.), Psychology (Ph.D.), Spanish (Ph.D.), Speech and Hearing Science (Ph.D.)

Graduate Degree Program
The concentration in SLATE requires a minimum of 28 hours of graduate-level coursework and is open to PhD students in the participating Departments.

Admission
PhD students in any of the participating Departments are admitted into the program with the consent of their advisor and the Director of the SLATE program. A coursework prerequisite (LING 400 - Introduction to Language Structure) is required, and either it or an equivalent course must be completed prior to admission. If a student believes s/he has completed an equivalent (or more advanced) course than the prerequisite, s/he may submit a petition to the Director of SLATE requesting that course to be substituted for LING 400. Petition forms and instructions, as well as an admission form, are located on the SLATE website, at http://slate.illinois.edu/students/forms/.

Graduate Concentration in Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education

Language Structure
Select two of the following: 8

- LING 501 Syntax I
- LING 502 Phonology I
- LING 541 Syntax II
- LING 542 Phonology II
- LING 550 Sociolinguistics II
- LING 551 Pragmatics
- SPAN 558 Sem Spanish Synchronic Ling (some sections) 1
- LING/EALC Intro to East Asian Ling 430
- FR 416 Structure of French Language

Psycholinguistics/Sociolinguistics
Select one of the following: 4

- CI 562 Ling and the School Curr
- LING 450 Sociolinguistics I
- LING 550 Sociolinguistics II
- LING 560 Seminar in Bilingualism
- PSYC 524 Dev Psycholinguistics
- PSYC 525 Psycholinguistics
- SPAN 558 Sem Spanish Synchronic Ling (some sections, e.g., "Sociolinguistica Hispanica") 1
- FR 529 Studies in French Linguistics (some sections, e.g., "Language and Gender") 1

- EPSY 566 Adv Psycholinguistics
- SPAN 588 Sem Second Lang Learn (some sections) 1

Second Language Studies
Select one of the following: 8

- LING 529 Second Lang Acq & Bilingualism
- EPSY 487 Principles of Language Testing (EIL/FR/GER/ITAL/PORT/SSPAN 460 Principles of Language Testing)
- EIL 587 Seminar in Second Lang Studies (some sections) 1
- EALC 550 Seminar in EALC (some sections) 1
- EPSY 590 Advanced Seminar in Educ Psych (Section BE: "Discourse Analysis in Second Language Acquisition", Section N: "Second Language Acquisition, a Developmental Perspective")
- CI 499 Issues and Development in Educ (some sections, e.g., "Foundations of Bilingual/ Multilingual Education") 1
- CI 590 Sem for Adv Stu of Education (some sections, e.g., "Second Language Reading and Writing") 1
- SPAN 588 Sem Second Lang Learn (EALC/FR/GER/ITAL/PORT/SSPAN 588 -- some sections) 1
- EPSY 563 Theories in SLA (CI/EALC/FR/GER/ITAL/PORT/SPAN/SLS 584 Theories in SLA)

Research Methods
1. Select one of the following: 4

- LING 514 Design and Methodology in Linguistic Research
- EPSY 480 Educational Statistics (And one course from 2.)
2. An advanced course in quantitative or qualitative research (selected in consultation with student’s advisor) that is related to the student’s research topic including (but not limited to) courses on the following list:

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**Language Requirement**

In order to earn a SLATE concentration, students must demonstrate competence in a second language. For native English speakers, a “second language” can be the second language of research/teaching, or, for those concentrating on ESL as the subject of research and teaching, any second language. For non-native speakers, the proficiency in English that is required for admission is considered more than adequate to fulfill this requirement. This requirement is designed to ensure the full appreciation and understanding of what it means to experience the learning of a second language. Second language competence is assessed in a variety of ways, to be determined by the student’s advisor.

**Total Hours** 28

**Other Requirements**

Other requirements may overlap:

Courses applying toward fulfillment of the SLATE course requirements must be taken for a minimum of 3 graduate credit hours.

Of the courses required for the SLATE concentration, at least four (4) must be at the 500-level.

A single course may count toward only one requirement. For instance, LING 550: Sociolinguistics II could fulfill either the Psycholinguistics/Sociolinguistics requirement OR be counted as one of the courses toward the Linguistics/Language Structure requirement, but not both.

In addition to the graduate concentration requirements, students must also complete the requirements of their major degree.

In order to earn a SLATE concentration, the student’s dissertation topic must be related to one or more aspects of second language studies. The SLATE Executive Committee verifies that the content qualifies.

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1. For courses marked with a 1, only some sections satisfy SLATE requirements. Prior to early registration each semester, the SLATE Executive Committee will issue a list of the specific sections being offered the following semester that will count toward satisfying SLATE course requirements. Current and historic lists are maintained on the SLATE website: www.slate.illinois.edu/students/courses/.

2. A student may petition the SLATE Executive Committee to have courses taken elsewhere accepted as equivalents for any of the UIUC courses on the list. Before filing such a petition, students are advised to contact the SLATE Director. At least 5 of the required courses must be taken in residence at UIUC. Instructions for the petition may be found here (https://apps.atlas.illinois.edu/FormBuilderSurvey/Survey/LAS/SLATE/Petition_for_Course_Substitution_or_Waiver_of_Requirement).

3. A student may fill out a petition if s/he believes that a course s/he has taken that is not included in the list for a given category could be substituted for one that is on the list. Instructions for the petition may be found here (https://apps.atlas.illinois.edu/FormBuilderSurvey/Survey/LAS/SLATE/Petition_for_Course_Substitution_or_Waiver_of_Requirement).

4. For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s concentration requirements (http://www.slate.illinois.edu/students/requirements) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).