SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (Z081)
Graduate Certificate Program  
College: Arts and Humanities

Abstract
The M.A. is intended primarily as a two-year program for full-time students. A very limited number of part-time students would also be admitted. It will provide students with rigorous, comprehensive training in the theory and research of second (including foreign) language learning, teaching and testing, and related areas. A major program focus includes preparation for those working, or intending to work, in programs for tertiary students and adults studying less commonly taught languages (LCTLs), e.g., East-Asian and Middle-Eastern languages, and such modern European languages as Spanish, French, Italian and German. Areas of particular faculty expertise include cognitive processes in SLA; language teaching methodology and pedagogy; psycholinguistics; language processing; individual differences in such factors as age, aptitude, and working memory; second language analysis; interlanguage studies; heritage learners; needs analysis; syllabus design; materials writing; learner training; language assessment; program evaluation; second language research methods; task-based language teaching; and uses of technology in language learning and testing.

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Admissions  
General Requirements
• Statement of Purpose  
• Transcript(s)  
• TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements/))

Program-Specific Requirements
• Letters of Recommendation (2)  
• Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit our Graduate School website (https://gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/application-process/step-step-guide-applying/).

Application Deadlines  

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Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at http://www.sllc.umd.edu

Requirements
• Second Language Acquisition, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (P.B.C.) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/second-language-acquisition-z081/second-language-acquisition-pbc/)

Facilities and Special Resources
In addition to the University graduate library, the SLA program offers research facilities and resources to facilitate research and materials development, including a multimedia SLA Lab, the Language House (http://www.languages.umd.edu/lh/), The Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (http://sllc.umd.edu/citl/), the Office of Information Technology (http://www.oit.umd.edu/), and the Center for Teaching Excellence (http://www.cte.umd.edu/).

Students completing coursework with affiliate faculty in the Departments of Psychology, Communication (http://www.comm.umd.edu/), Linguistics (http://www.ling.umd.edu/), and Education (http://www.education.umd.edu/) as well as the Center for Advanced Study of Languages (http://www.casl.umd.edu/) may have access to their respective resources.