

SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION GRADUATE MINOR

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Program Code	SLA
Campus(es)	University Park
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This interdepartmental graduate minor draws upon the opportunities that various departments offer to study the processes of language acquisition and pedagogy, and to conduct research in these fields. Developments in the theories of language acquisition, the practices in language instruction, and the technical innovations provide a wide range of resources for secondary specializations in second language acquisition theory. The minor provides an official credential for doctoral students who complete an organized program of study.

In general, students whose major field of study in the Ph.D. is a concentration in foreign language acquisition or ESL are not eligible for this minor, as their field of specialization already includes this area. However, students in English as a Second Language may do the minor with a focus on foreign language acquisition or a student with a specialty area in forced language acquisition may complete the minor with a specialty area in English as a Second Language.

Minor Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements for minors in Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>) and GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The minor requires a minimum of 15 credits at the 400, 500, or 600 levels (beyond credits used for degree requirements in the student's field of study), consisting of one or two methodology courses totaling 3 credits and 12 additional credits selected from an interdepartmental list of eligible courses, with approval both by the student's dissertation committee in his or her major field, and by the person in charge of the minor. A maximum of 6 credits may be taken at the 400 level, and no more than 3 credits of 602 may count toward the minor. Courses in at least two departments must be included. Further, students must complete at least two semesters' experience in supervised teaching of either a foreign language or ESL, or alternative equivalent practicum if approved by the dissertation committee and the person in charge of the Minor.

Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

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