Graduate Certificate in Second Language Studies

The purpose of the graduate certificate program in Second Language Studies (SLS) is to enhance the preparation and professionalization of graduate students in the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLC), the Department of Linguistics, and other departments affiliated with SLLC. The certificate provides an opportunity at KU for graduate students of foreign language, literature, and culture and theoretical linguistics to add a concentration in applied linguistics and language teaching.

Admission to Graduate Studies

An applicant seeking to pursue graduate study in the College may be admitted as either a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. Policies and procedures of Graduate Studies govern the process of Graduate admission. These may be found in the Graduate Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies) section of the online catalog.

Please consult the Departments & Programs (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences) section of the online catalog for information regarding program-specific admissions criteria and requirements. Special admissions requirements pertain to Interdisciplinary Studies degrees, which may be found in the Graduate Studies section of the online catalog.

Admissions

Current graduate students in any School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures department or Linguistics are eligible to apply. Others interested in the certificate should contact the School to determine eligibility. For more information on admission to a graduate certificate program, see the policy on Graduate Certificate Programs - Eligibility and Admission Criteria (http://policy.ku.edu/graduate-studies/grad-certification-program-admission).

The certificate will be awarded to MA or Ph.D. students who successfully complete 4 graduate-level courses across disciplines (12 credits total):

1. LING 700 Introduction to Linguistics or equivalent offered in each participating department, e.g., Structure of Modern Standard German (GERM 712), Structure of Modern French (FREN 703).

2. LING 715 Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition

3. LA&S 720 Introduction to Language Teaching Research

4. Elective course in Second Language Studies. This could be fulfilled by a Teaching Methods course required of GTAs teaching in the SLLC (FREN 704, GERM 800, SLAV 824, SPAN 801) and by other approved related courses, including those offered by the School of Education.

A student who has prior coursework deemed equivalent to any of the required courses may replace these with approved electives.

If deemed necessary, some of these courses can be converted into blended courses with online modules.