Acquire a deep and broad understanding of the field of language pedagogy so that you can teach at the elementary, high school or collegiate level.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Language Teaching
The MA program in language teaching prepares both current and aspiring language teachers with the tools they need to effectively teach languages in the secondary schools and in higher education. This program provides professional development to practicing language teachers in K-12, community colleges or at the university level.

Teachers in Arizona who are interested in continuing their professional development in both language pedagogy and language proficiency can pursue this degree. Teachers receive training in teaching methodologies, second language acquisition, heritage language pedagogy, computer-assisted language teaching, applied linguistics, and the teaching of literature and culture. In addition, this program may also interest other individuals who wish to become highly proficient bilinguals.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

French, BA
German, BA
Spanish, BA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Degree Requirements**

30 credit hours including an applied project (SLC 593)

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
SLC 596 Second Language Methodologies (3)

**Track (9 credit hours)**

**Other Requirements (12 credit hours)**

**Electives (3 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
SLC 593 Applied Project (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Tracks available for students to select from are French, German or Spanish. Students should see their academic unit for approved track coursework. Students select coursework in consultation with their committee chair.

Other requirement coursework may be substituted with approval of the academic unit.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in a foreign language, applied linguistics, linguistics, literature, education or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants are required to submit:
1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. letter of intent or written statement
4. two letters of recommendation
5. proof of target language proficiency
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

The written statement should be no more than two pages, single-spaced, and should discuss how the educational background and experiences have prepared the applicant for this graduate program. The applicant should also describe why they are interested in pursuing this master's degree and how it fits their career goals.

Proof of target language proficiency is accepted by an audio or video submission of a two-minute self-introduction.

Application Deadlines
Fall

Career Opportunities
Professionals with this degree can confidently move into academic and business fields. Language skills developed through this program are valued for teaching positions, translation work or work in a larger sector such as business, government and public administration careers.

Career examples include:

- adult basic and secondary education and literacy teachers and instructors
- foreign language and literature teachers and professors
- high school teachers
- instructional coordinators
- instructional designers and technologists
- interpreters and translators
- middle school teachers
- reporters and correspondents

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