

EDUCATIONAL STUDIES (PH.D.): LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Offered by: Integrated Studies in Ed (Faculty of Education)

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description

Students must satisfy all program requirements for the Ph.D. in Educational Studies. The Ph.D. thesis must be on a topic relating to language acquisition.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Thesis

A thesis for the doctoral degree must constitute original scholarship and must be a distinct contribution to knowledge. It must show familiarity with previous work in the field and must demonstrate ability to plan and carry out research, organize results, and defend the approach and conclusions in a scholarly manner. The research presented must meet current standards of the discipline; as well, the thesis must clearly demonstrate how the research advances knowledge in the field. Finally, the thesis must be written in compliance with norms for academic and scholarly expression and for publication in the public domain.

Required Courses (14 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 700	Proseminar in Education 1.	2
EDEC 701	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination.	0
EDEC 702	Proseminar in Education 2.	2
EDEC 703	Ph.D. Colloquium.	4
LING 710	Language Acquisition Issues 2.	2
PSYC 709	Language Acquisition Issues 1.	2
SCSD 712	Language Acquisition Issues 4.	2

Complementary Courses (9 credits)

3 credits of graduate-level statistics from the courses below:

Students who have taken an equivalent course in statistics, or are currently taking an equivalent course as part of their Ph.D. program requirements, will be deemed to have satisfied this requirement for the Language Acquisition Option.

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Course	Title	Credits
EDPE 676	Intermediate Statistics.	3
EDPE 682	Univariate/Multivariate Analysis.	3
LING 620	Experimental Linguistics: Methods.	3
PSYC 650	Advanced Statistics 1.	3
PSYC 651	Advanced Statistics 2.	3

3 credits selected from the following list:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDEC 706	Textual Approaches to Research.	3
EDEC 707	Interpretive Inquiry.	3

At least 3 credits selected from the following list:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDSL 620	Social Justice Issues in Second Language Education.	3
EDSL 623	Second Language Learning.	3
EDSL 624	Educational Sociolinguistics.	3
EDSL 627	Instructed Second Language Acquisition Research.	3
EDSL 632	Second Language Literacy Development.	3
LING 651	Topics in Acquisition of Phonology.	3
LING 655	Theory of L2 Acquisition.	3
LING 751	Advanced Seminar: Experimental 1.	3
LING 752	Advanced Seminar: Experimental 2.	3
PSYC 545	Topics in Language Acquisition.	3
PSYC 735	Developmental Psychology and Language.	3
SCSD 619	Phonological Development.	3
SCSD 632	Phonological Disorders: Children.	3
SCSD 637	Developmental Language Disorders 1.	3
SCSD 643	Developmental Language Disorders 2.	3
SCSD 652	Advanced Research Seminar 1.	3
SCSD 653	Advanced Research Seminar 2.	3
SCSD 654	Advanced Research Seminar 3.	3

Elective Course (0-2 credits)

0-2 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
EDPE 713	Language Acquisition Issues 5.	2
EDSL 711	Language Acquisition Issues 3.	2