

# SECOND LANGUAGE EDUCATION (THESIS) (M.A.) (45 CREDITS)

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

**Degree:** Master of Arts

**Program credit weight:** 45

## Program Description

The M.A. in Second Language Education consists of a 45-credit thesis or non-thesis program. It provides an overview of the state of the art in second language acquisition, assessment and evaluation, and research methods, including quantitative and qualitative approaches. The program covers a wide range of current topics in applied linguistics and offers opportunities to specialize in educational sociolinguistics, curricular/methods and program planning areas (for example, content-based second language teaching or "immersion"), language testing, language policy and planning, and critical applied linguistics. Graduates may go on to doctoral work in applied linguistics. They may also seek employment at ministry, school board, or other sites of active research on second languages. Many graduates also continue active careers in school contexts as second language teaching practitioners, program administrators or evaluators.

**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 Courses (24 credits)

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| Course   | Title              | Credits |
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| EDSL 666 | Thesis Research 1. | 6       |
| EDSL 667 | Thesis Research 2. | 6       |
| EDSL 668 | Thesis Research 3. | 6       |
| EDSL 669 | Thesis Research 4. | 6       |

## Required Courses (12 credits)

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| Course   | Title  | Credits |
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| EDEM 690 | Research Methods: Theory and Practice.           | 3       |
| EDPE 575 | Statistics for Practitioners.                    | 3       |
| EDSL 623 | Second Language Learning.                        | 3       |
| EDSL 627 | Instructed Second Language Acquisition Research. | 3       |

## Complementary Courses (6 credits)

6 credits selected from the following courses:

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| Course   | Title   | Credits |
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| EDEC 630 | Ethnographic Approaches to Research .                     | 3       |
| EDEM 609 | Critical Perspectives in Educational Theory and Research. | 3       |
| EDSL 617 | Special Topics in Second Language Education.              | 3       |
| EDSL 620 | Social Justice Issues in Second Language Education.       | 3       |
| EDSL 624 | Educational Sociolinguistics.                             | 3       |
| EDSL 631 | Second Language Curriculum.                               | 3       |
| EDSL 632 | Second Language Literacy Development.                     | 3       |
| EDSL 640 | Language Awareness: Theory and Practice.                  | 3       |
| EDSL 651 | Content-Based L2 Learning.                                | 3       |

## Elective Course (3 credits)

3 credits at the 500, 600, or 700 level chosen in consultation with the Graduate Program Director.