Computer-Assisted Language Learning
(Graduate Certificate)

Enhance your academic and professional profile with an understanding of how technology can be used to facilitate language learning. Develop a solid theoretical understanding and practical, hands-on skills for implementing computer-assisted language learning activities in the language classroom.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Computer-Assisted Language Learning (Certificate)

The graduate certificate program in computer-assisted language learning focuses on the application of technology in foreign language teaching and research. It teaches the practical, hands-on skills needed to create and evaluate learning and teaching materials with new computer-based technologies. The certificate program teaches students how to use technology effectively to facilitate instructed second-language acquisition and how to develop, manage and maintain a cutting-edge language computing facility. It also provides students with a solid theoretical and pedagogical framework for the integration of technology into the foreign language curriculum and provides them with the tools necessary to teach language courses in either a hybrid or distance-learning environment.

At a Glance

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

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours including a capstone course (ENG 597)
Required Core (6 credit hours)
ENG 557 Computer-Assisted Language Learning (3)
SLC 510 Computer-Assisted Language Learning Praxis (3)

Restricted Electives (3 credit hours)
LIN 520 Second-Language Acquisition Theories (3) OR
SLC 515 Second-Language Acquisition (3)

Electives (6 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Information
For restricted electives, students may select an approved second language acquisition course equivalent to LIN 520 or SLC 515 with department approval.

Admission Requirements
All 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 from a regionally accredited institution a bachelor's or master's degree with a major or minor in foreign language study, English or English education.

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

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. resume or curriculum vitae
5. proof of English proficiency

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

Students may apply for admission to the certificate program once they have been accepted into a graduate degree program in the School of International Letters and Cultures or other school or department at ASU.
Applicants must have an undergraduate major in the language they will teach or be native speakers of the language they will teach, or they must have a minor or ASU minor equivalency as determined by SILC policies (18 upper-division credit hours, including at least three credit hours from the 400 level in their undergraduate program). Current graduate student applicants who do not meet the language requirements must be enrolled in a foreign language graduate program, the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages program, an applied linguistics graduate program, or a closely related field (determined by the directors). A teaching certification is not required as this certificate program is open to graduate students with an interest in computer-assisted language learning and who meet the admission requirements.

Applicants must have completed an introduction to linguistics or applied linguistics course at the time of application (to be verified by the certificate directors). The course does not count toward the 15 credit hours required for the certificate.

Applicants must complete a language teaching methods course, to be verified by the certificate directors. This course also may be taken at ASU prior to completion of the certificate program. The course does not count toward the 15 credit hours required for the certificate.

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