SLATE Graduate Concentration in Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education

EXPERTISE. DISTINCTION. ENHANCE YOUR PH.D.

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What is SLATE?
Second Language Acquisition and Teacher Education, or SLATE, is a graduate concentration available to students in any of the 13 affiliated Ph.D. programs at Illinois:
- Anthropology
- Communication
- Curriculum and Instruction
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- Educational Psychology
- French
- German
- Italian
- Linguistics
- Portuguese
- Psychology
- Spanish
- Speech and Hearing Science

Earn your Ph.D. in your home department and receive the SLATE designation on your transcript upon successful completion of the requirements.

SLATE sponsors invited lectures, professional development and research methodology workshops, and an annual one-day symposium showcasing graduate students’ research.
SLATE also offers two travel awards each semester to students presenting their work at conferences. Application deadlines and instructions can be found at slate.illinois.edu.

The SLATE Advantage
The SLATE designation adds a mark of distinction to your Ph.D. and qualifies you for a wider range of positions than your Ph.D. alone. SLATE is recognized around the world thanks to its faculty and alumni.

SLATE graduates who actively seek employment enjoy a 100% placement rate in the year following graduation. Most graduates secure tenure- or non-tenure-track positions at colleges and universities across the U.S. and abroad.

Interested students (in all degree programs, including M.A. programs) are encouraged to attend SLATE lectures, workshops, and events to further their interests in second language acquisition and related fields. Only Ph.D. students are eligible for SLATE certification.

There are three required components to complete the graduate concentration in SLATE:
- 28 hours of graduate coursework
- Second language competence
- Dissertation

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When should I add the graduate concentration in SLATE?

Add the graduate concentration in SLATE any time before you deposit your dissertation. However, once you deposit your dissertation and your degree is conferred, it is no longer possible to add the SLATE graduate concentration or get the SLATE designation on your transcript.

Don’t delay! Add the SLATE graduate concentration as early as possible to take advantage of all the great opportunities:

- Receive updates from the SLATE listserv
- Stay connected with SLATE news & events
- Receive SLATE coursework advising
- Win SLATE conference travel awards*

*Only students who have added the concentration to their academic dossiers are eligible to win.

If you decide that you do not want to complete the SLATE concentration or are not able to complete the requirements for any reason, you may remove the concentration at any time.