

Ph.D. in Culture, Literacy, and Language

CULTURE, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE

Drawing together anthropologists, educators, linguists, psychologists, and sociologists from UTSA's Department of Bicultural-Bilingual Studies, and from other departments in the College of Education and Human Development, the Ph.D. in Culture, Literacy, and Language (CLL) is unique regionally, nationally, and internationally. No other institution currently offers an academically and administratively cohesive program that combines Latino education and other diverse cultural and linguistic issues, as well as international issues, within the interdisciplinary framework of a doctoral program. Graduates will be well-grounded in theoretical, conceptual and research methodology used to study culture, literacy, and language and will be prepared to conduct interdisciplinary research in multicultural-multilingual contexts.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The doctoral degree requires a minimum of 60 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree. The core curriculum consists of 24 semester credit hours of required courses. In addition, students complete a minimum of 12 hours in research methods, 9 hours of electives, and 15 hours in doctoral research. The student will work closely with an advisor, who will help construct a program of study that must be approved by the student's dissertation advisor, dissertation committee, and Doctoral Studies Committee. Final approval of the program rests with the Dean of Graduate Studies. Students must also fulfill university-wide requirements, including residency.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A master's degree is required, preferably in the social and behavioral sciences. Master's degrees in other fields may be accepted, subject to the approval of the Department of Bicultural-Bilingual Studies Doctoral Studies Committee.

A portfolio consisting of the following items will be evaluated by the Doctoral Studies Committee:

- **Transcript and GPA:** Documentation of a GPA of 3.5 or better in an approved master's degree program;
- **GRE:** Graduate Records Examination score (analytical plus verbal)
- **English language:** For students whose master's degree is from a non-English speaking university, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score
- **Other language:** Advanced proficiency in a language other than English
- **Letters of recommendation:** Three letters attesting to the student's academic and personal attributes for success in the program and potential for contributing substantially to a field of study related to the degree; and
- **Academic writing:** A sample of academic writing, such as a paper written for a course, a master's thesis, or a scholarly publication.
- **Statement of purpose:** A description of research interests, reasons for seeking doctoral study, and connections between the candidate's interests/professional goals and the program in Culture, Literacy, and Language.
- **Experience:** A résumé or curriculum vitae.

After completing the online application form (<https://apply.embark.com/grad/utsa/32/>), all materials should be sent to:

The University of Texas at San Antonio
Office of Graduate Studies
One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249-0603

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Domestic Applicants

February 1

International Applicants

January 1



PROGRAM OF STUDY

A. Foundation Course
(3 units required)

- BBL 7003 Proseminar

B. Research Methods
(12 units required)

- BBL 7013 Research Design & Statistics for CLL
- BBL 7023 Qualitative Research Methods for CLL
- EDU 7113 Ed. Research Statistics: Descriptive & Comparative

AND

- BBL 7043 Research Design and Qualitative Analysis for CLL

OR

- BBL 7033 Research in the Speech Community

C. Core Courses
(9 units required)

- BBL 7213 Ethnological Theory
- BBL 7123 Sociocultural Contexts of Literacy
- BBL 7133 Bilingualism & Second Language Acquisition

D. Prescribed Electives

(12 units, 6 of which must be advanced doctoral seminars, which may be repeated when topic changes)

- BBL 7113 Seminar in Cultural Studies Research
- BBL 7203 Seminar in Latino Biculturalism
- BBL 7223 Seminar in Bilingualism and Second Language Literacy
- BBL 7233 Seminar in SLA and Bilingualism
- BBL 7243 Seminar in Language and Language Use
- BBL 7253 Seminar on Latino Issues in Education
- BBL 5043 Ethnography of Communication
- BBL 5123 Sociolinguistics and Education
- BBL 6053 Assessing Members of Bicultural-Bilingual Societies
- BBL 6073 Ethnographic Research Methods
- BBL 6223 Anthropology & Education in Multicultural Contexts
- BBL 6233 Advanced Topics in Language Policy
- BBL 6243 Evaluation Research Bilingual & Second Language Programs
- ESL 6013 Second Language Acquisition Research

E. Courses Freely Elected

(9 units, to be selected in consultation with advisor)

F. Qualifying Examination: written/oral

(to be taken after completion of core and emphasis courses AND after completion of AT LEAST 39 units)

G. Dissertation Research

(15 units)

- BBL 7303 Directed Doctoral Research (3 units required)
- BBL 7313 Doctoral Dissertation (12 units minimum)

PROGRAM OPTIONS

The Ph.D. in CLL is a full-time doctoral program, with the expectation that students will complete 18 semester hours annually, work toward completing Qualifying Exams during their third year, and complete their dissertation within 6 years. Both full-time students and working professionals are encouraged to consider the Ph.D. in CLL.

In order to accommodate working professionals who wish to pursue full-time doctoral work, the CLL program offers coursework in the evenings, on weekends and during the summer. Working professionals are not eligible for fellowship funds.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A limited number of competitive fellowships and assistantships are available for full-time students who are not working outside the university. The amount and type of support will depend on the university budget, faculty research grants, and the need for teaching and graduate assistants.

CONTACT

For further information on the program and faculty or to request an application packet, please contact:

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