

Master of Second Language Teaching Program Learning Objectives

Students who complete the MSLT degree successfully will be able to:

1. Articulate their understanding of language learning by children, adolescents, or adults, depending on the age group they intend to teach after completing the degree.
2. Describe an approach to second language (L2) teaching and discuss its relative merits in contrast with other approaches.
3. Reference the importance of the standards and criteria for proficiency set by professional organizations such as the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) or the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).
4. Demonstrate awareness of the role of culture and/or pragmatics in L2 teaching and learning.
5. Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of current literature on topics relevant to their current and/or future teaching interests and contexts (e.g., the use of technology/digital tools in L2 learning and teaching, how to meaningfully incorporate literature in a variety of L2 learning and teaching contexts, understanding current issues and approaches to teaching in dual language immersion environments).