SECOND SEMESTER

Early language acquisition in monolingual and bilingual contexts (3 ECTS)
Dr. María Jose Ezeizabarrena Segurola (UPV/EHU)

Instruction in L2 sound acquisition (3 ECTS)
Dr. Esther Gómez Lacabex (UPV/EHU)

Designing experiments and data transcription and codification (3 ECTS)
Dr. M. Juncal Gutierrez Mangadí (UPV/EHU)

Methods of statistical inference (3 ECTS)
Dr. Vicente Nuñez Antón (UPV/EHU)

Social-discursive analysis and didactics of languages (3 ECTS)
Dr. Ibon Manterola Garate (UPV/EHU)

Motivation and language attitudes in multilingual educational contexts (3 ECTS)
Dr. David Lasagabaster Herrarte (UPV/EHU)

Translating creative fiction in the foreign language classroom (3 ECTS)
Dr. Cande Cabanillas González (UPV/EHU)
Dr. Ana Tamayo Masero (UPV/EHU)

Special Topics in SLA (3 ECTS)

Corpus linguistics in SLA: (usefulness and usability of) learner corpora
Dr. Marián Izquierdo Fernández (UPV/EHU)

Distinguishing fact from fiction in early foreign language learning
Dr. Victoria Murphy (University of Oxford)

Research paper (MA thesis) (12 ECTS)

KEY FACTS
European Credit Transfer System (ECTS): 60
1 year (full-time) student
2 years (part-time) student

HOW TO APPLY

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DESCRIPTION

This MA program is designed for graduates in linguistics, philology, philosophy, psychology, translation and interpretation and practicing language teachers and trainers who want to further their knowledge in the field of language acquisition in multilingual settings. The main goal of this MA program is to provide students with a strong knowledge base needed to carry out research on different topics in the language acquisition field. The academic program covers issues such as the different cognitive mechanisms involved in first (L1) and subsequent (L2, L3, Ln) language acquisition, similarities and differences between the two processes, the role that variables such as age, motivation, learning context and teaching methodologies play, and the different stages in the acquisition of a language (initial, development and ultimate attainment), among other issues. Students will become familiar with different research methodologies, experimental designs, data codification tools (CHILDES), statistical packages (SPSS), acoustic-phonetic analysis of speech and other techniques.

Most of the teaching staff belong to the Language and Speech research group (http://www.laslab.org), highlighted by the Basque Government for excellence in research. The group is located in the Vitoria-Gasteiz campus, in the new Micaela Portilla Research Building, which has modern laboratories and equipment to carry out a variety of research projects.

The MA program provides access to doctoral studies (PhD) where students will have the opportunity to carry out research on different areas within research groups at the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) and with research collaborators at national and international institutions. The Ph.D. program has been awarded a Distinction of Excellence by the Spanish Ministry of Education.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

Members of the research group Language and Speech are actively involved in the MA program, which benefits from their internationally recognized expertise. Experts from other renowned universities are regularly invited to collaborate in teaching and research activities, thus providing both MA and Ph.D. students with first-hand opportunities to learn about the latest developments in the field of language acquisition (Amsterdam, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Autonomous University of Madrid, Barcelona, Durham, Curtin, Essex, Florida, François-Rabelais, Geneva, Georgetown, Hawaii, Iowa, Indiana, Jaume I Lancaster, Leeds, McGill, Melbourne, Murcia, Pennsylvania, Reading, Salzburg, Southampton, Toronto, University College London, Southern Denmark, among others). In addition, the program has a mobility agreement with Lancaster University (ranked in the UK top 10), as well as an agreement with the Basque Centre on Cognition, Brain and Language (http://www.bcbl.eu) in Donostia-San Sebastian, where students may receive practical training in the use of behavioral and neuroscientific methodologies.