MASTER'S PROGRAM
LANGUAGE ACQUISITION IN MULTILINGUAL SETTINGS (LAMS)

MA PROGRAM WITH ACCESS TO DOCTORAL STUDIES (PhD)
UNIVERSITY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY (UPV/EHU)

FACULTY OF ARTS

• Department of English and German Philology, Translation and Interpretation
• Department of Linguistics and Basque Studies
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, developmental 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, Jaume I, Lancaster, Leeds, McGill, Melbourne, Murcia, Pennsylvania, Reading, 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.bcbi.eu) in Donostia-San Sebastian, where students may receive practical training in the use of behavioral and neuroscientific methodologies.
**COURSES 2018-19**

**FIRST SEMESTER**

**Introduction to second language acquisition (3 ECTS)**
Dr. Yolanda Ruiz de Zarobe (UPV/EHU)

**Introduction to syllabus design and language teaching (3 ECTS)**
Dr. María Basterrechea Lozano (UPV/EHU)

**Research methods in second language acquisition (3 ECTS)**
Dr. Francisco Gallardo del Puerto (Universidad de Cantabria)
Dr. María Martínez Adrián (UPV/EHU)

**The acquisition of phonetics (3 ECTS)**
Dr. M. Luisa García Lecumberri (UPV/EHU)
Dr. Martin Cooke (Ikerbasque)

**The acquisition of morphosyntax (3 ECTS)**
Dr. María del Pilar García Mayo (UPV/EHU)

**The acquisition of pragmatics (3 ECTS)**
Dr. Leire Ruiz de Zarobe (UPV/EHU)

**Semantic analysis and didactics of language (3 ECTS)**
Dr. Aintzane Doiz Bienzobas (UPV/EHU)

**Multilingual education: Theoretical and research perspectives (3 ECTS)**
Dr. María Pilar Safont Jordá (Universitat Jaume I)
Early language acquisition in monolingual and bilingual contexts (3 ECTS)
Dr. M. J. 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 Mangado (UPV/EHU)

Methods of statistical inference (3 ECTS)
Dr. Vicente Núñez 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. Raquel Merino Álvarez (UPV/EHU)
Dr. Cande Cabanillas González (UPV/EHU)

Special Topics in SLA (3 ECTS)

Classroom assessment, teacher and peer feedback, and teacher development in second language writing
Dr. Icy Lee (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Working with children as active researchers: Implications for SLA and second language education
Dr. Annamaria Pinter (University of Warwick)

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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