

WHAT is SLAT Graduate Certificate?

- The SLAT Graduate Certificate is an integrated group of courses designed to acquire expertise and experience in the field of critical studies of language, centering on theories of second language acquisition and bilingualism, empirical research in these areas, and their applications to the teaching of second and heritage languages at the postsecondary level.

Who can participate?

- Any graduate student, lecturer or senior lecturer teaching languages may earn the Graduate Certificate in SLAT, granted by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at the University of Miami.

What are the main goals of the SLAT certificate?

- Develop the expertise of participants in the fields of applied language studies, research on second language acquisition and bilingualism, modern language teaching methodology and pedagogy.
- Integrate meaningful use of technology into the participants' teaching practices.
- Become more marketable professionally through the development and completion of a professional teaching portfolio.

Description of the Certificate

- The certificate comprises coursework at the graduate level in language teaching methodology and pedagogy, language learning, literacy, sociocultural theory, sociolinguistics, and bilingualism. The program also integrates practical opportunities that allow participants to acquire professional experience coordinating and supervising language instructors. We also offer a variety of workshops on technology and language teaching in the Department.

Graduate Credit Hours

- To earn the SLAT Graduate Certificate, a minimum of nine (9) credit hours of graduate level coursework within the SLAT curriculum must be completed. Any course taken in fulfillment of the required credits toward the Certificate must already be designated as SLAT-related or must receive prior approval of the SLAT faculty. For incoming graduate student Teaching Assistants, MLL 503 (Language Teaching Methodology) will fulfill three (3) credit hours of the requirement. For those graduate students and lecturers who join the Department having already taken the equivalent of MLL 503 at another institution, the nine (9) required credit hours must be fulfilled through other SLAT courses.

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Courses offered for the SLAT graduate certificate

- Introduction to Foreign Language Teaching: Theory and Practice
- Sociocultural Theory and Second Language Development
- Bilingualism and Heritage Language Development: Focus on French and Spanish in the Americas
- Spanish in the United States
- Spanish Second Language Acquisition

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