Institute for Cross-Cultural Training

Fully online second language acquisition courses for pre-field and on-field language learners

2017-2018 course offerings
Better learning requires better learners!

- **Acquire essential knowledge and skills** to become a better language learner
- **Develop strategies** for combining language school and/or tutoring with learning through relationships
- **Gain greater flexibility** in hearing and reproducing new sounds, with a focus on target-language pronunciation
- **Gain confidence** as an on-field language and culture learner
- **Learn the connections** between language learning and culture learning
- **Work one-on-one with a native speaker** of another language (for most learners, this is their target language)
- **Develop a language-learning plan** for on-field use
Institute for Cross-Cultural Training Distinctives

- **Fully online** – can take course from anywhere worldwide
- **Affordable** – lower cost than other pre-field programs
- **Flexible schedule** – you do not have to be online at a specific time each day
- **Customized for each participant** according to target language, on-field learning situation, individual needs
- **Learning activities** focused on the target language
- **One-on-one Skype meetings** with high quality instructors
- **Personal feedback** from instructor on all assignments
- **Target language resources**
- **Five years of free support** via email or Skype

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4 SLA courses available 6 times per year

• Second Language Acquisition for Beginning Learners (6 week course)
• Second Language Acquisition for Continuing Learners (6 week or 12 week course)
• Introduction to Language Learning (3 week course)
• Just-in-Time Second Language Acquisition for Beginning Learners (3 weeks + 6 months individual coaching + 3 weeks)
SLA for Beginning Learners

For those who are planning to serve 4+ years. Customized to meet learners’ individual needs, and includes Skype interaction with instructor(s) in every module.

- May be taken either pre-field or on-field
- Offered six times per year
- Work with a language helper from target language
- 6 weeks (3-4 hrs of work per day)
- May be taken for Wheaton College credit during summer

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“I feel like my toolbox is full of all sorts of tools to use. I definitely can’t use the excuse ‘but I don’t know where to begin’.”

“The ins and outs of working with a language helper were extremely useful and practical, and it felt empowering to begin learning my new language.”

“I loved the one-on-one learning in phonetics. I also loved the language learning techniques resources and opportunity to put everything into practice. It really helped in building confidence.”

Former ICCT students
SLA for Continuing Learners

For those who have an intermediate grasp of the language, or who have been on the field in language learning for a year or more, and want to develop the competence needed for deeper conversations in the language of the host community and more meaningful heart-language relationships.

- Highly customized
- Frequent Skype interaction with instructor(s)
- Can be taken from anywhere in the world
- Work with a language helper from target language
- Offered six times per year
- 6 weeks (3-4 hrs of work per day) or 12 weeks (1-2 hrs of work per day)
- May be taken for Wheaton College credit during summer

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“I had already been on the field two years as a struggling and discouraged learner. In this course we first analyzed what went wrong in my earlier studies, then devised a workable plan for continued learning. I then used the knowledge and skills gained in this course to make much-needed progress.”

Former ICCT student

SLA for Continuing Learners course
Introduction to Language Learning

For those who plan to serve 1-3 years and need a basic grasp of the language for daily life activities. Also appropriate for support personnel, tentmakers, finishers, and others who need to get a good start in language but may not be anticipating long-term heart-language ministry.

• Pre-field or on-field
• Customized to meet learners’ needs
• Skype sessions with instructors
• 3 weeks (3-4 hrs of work per day)
“It helped me to be able to learn at my own pace. I also liked the convenience of being able to learn from home.”

“I really liked the foundations lessons...they were filled with lots of great practical information that will be useful in the future.”

“This course gave me individualized instruction with an emphasis on my target language, and it was much less expensive than my other pre-field options.”

Former ICCT students
Just-in-Time SLA for Beginning Learners  
*3 phases spanning about 7-9 months*

For those who are planning to serve 4+ years, this course begins with the 3-week Introduction to Language Learning course followed by individual coaching, and it ends with an additional 3-week course that is an abbreviated version of the SLA for Continuing Learners course.

- **Phase 1:** 3 weeks of online instruction, 3-4 hrs of work per day
- **Phase 2:** 6-7 months of on-field language learning and individual coaching by ICCT faculty via email and Skype
- **Phase 3:** 3 weeks of online instruction, 3-4 hrs of work per day, highly customized to meet each learner’s individual needs

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How are the four courses similar to and different from each other?

Comparison charts + pricing + course dates
## Comparing the four SLA courses

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<td><strong>Ideal time to take course</strong></td>
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2017-2018 Course Dates

- **Beginning and Continuing Learners** (6 weeks)
  - 2017:
    - Sept. 11—Oct. 20
    - Oct. 30-Dec. 8
  - 2018:
    - Jan. 8—Feb. 16
    - Mar. 12—Apr. 20
    - May 14-June 22
    - June 25—Aug. 3
    - Sept. 10—Oct. 19
    - Oct. 29-Dec. 7

- **Intro to Language Learning and Just-in-Time** (3 weeks)
  - 2017:
    - Sept. 25-Oct. 13
    - Oct. 30-Nov. 17
  - 2018:
    - Jan. 8-26
    - Mar. 12-30
    - May 14-June 1
    - June 25—July 13
    - Sept. 10—28
    - Oct. 29—Nov. 16

**Continuing Learners**
(12 weeks) 2018:
- Jan. 8—March 30
- Apr. 2—June 22
- Sept. 10—Nov. 30

We can also offer customized dates and lengths of courses. Contact us.

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• Leadership team
  – Director: Dr. Natalie Mullen, Ph.D.
  – Associate Director of Online Learning: Dr. Lonna Dickerson, Ph.D.
  – Associate Director of TESOL: Dianne Dow, M.A.
Did you know:

We also offer online courses for language coaches and those helping on-field learners with language acquisition, as well as face-to-face TESOL certification workshops!

See our website or contact us for Language Coach or TESOL certificate dates, pricing, and course offerings.

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