MASTER'S PROGRAM

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION IN MULTILINGUAL SETTINGS (LAMS)

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with access to the official Ph.D. program on Language Acquisition in Multilingual Settings

(WHICH HAS BEEN AWARDED DISTINCTION OF EXCELLENCE BY THE SPANISH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION)

UNIVERSITY OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY (UPV/EHU)

FACULTY OF ARTS

Department of English and German Philology
Department of Linguistics and Basque Studies

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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. Izaskun Villarreal Olaizola (UPNA)
SECOND SEMESTER

**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. Junkal 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. Itziar Idiazabal Gorrotxategi (UPV/EHU)
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. Ibon Uribarri Zenekorta (UPV/EHU)

**Special Topics in SLA** *(3 ECTS)*

- **Individual differences and external conditions in SLA**
  Dr. Cristina Sanz (Georgetown University)

- **Verdurs or vegetables? Crosslinguistic influence in the multilingual speaker: Paradigms and typologies**
  Dr. María Luz Celaya  (Universitat de Barcelona)

**Research paper** *(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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