

Doctor of Philosophy in Culture, Literacy and Language

Purpose of Program

This program is unique in that it brings together anthropologists, educators, linguists, psychologists and sociologists from UTSA's Department of Bicultural-Bilingual Studies and other departments in the College of Education and Human Development. No other institution currently offers such an academically and administratively cohesive doctoral program that combines Latino education, a variety of cultural and linguistics issues, and international issues.

Students will learn theoretical, conceptual and research methodology used to study culture, literacy and language. Students will also be prepared to conduct interdisciplinary research in multicultural-multilingual contexts.

Program Options

This doctoral degree requires a minimum of 60 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree. The core curriculum consists of 24 semester credit hours of required courses. In addition, students will complete a minimum of 12 hours in research methods, 9 hours of electives and 15 hours in doctoral research.



The curriculum of this program is designed in such a sophisticated way to meet the highest educational and professional standards in the field. Topics, tasks, and hands-on experience are all designed based on up-to-date research findings and interdisciplinary approaches to equip students with tools necessary for success after graduation.

*— Haetham Abdul-Razaq,
PhD-CLL Student*

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program have a wide range of career opportunities within institutions of higher learning, K-12 central office administration/ leadership, K-12 research organizations, community college teaching and community development.



Admission Requirements

- A master's degree in an approved degree program** with a minimum 3.5 grade point average
- Graduate Records Examination (GRE) (analytical plus verbal)
- For students whose master's degree is from a non-English speaking university, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 600 (paper) or 100 (Internet)
- Proficiency or experience learning, using, studying or speaking a language other than English
- Submission of a portfolio for evaluation by the Doctoral Program Committee consisting of the following
 1. College transcript documenting master's degree and 3.5 GPA in approved program
 2. Three letters of recommendation attesting to the student's academic and personal attributes, potential for success in the program and the potential for contributing substantially to a field of study related to the degree
 3. A sample of academic writing such as a paper written for a course, a master's thesis or a scholarly publication
 4. Statement of purpose: description of research interests, reasons for seeking doctoral study and connections between the candidate's interests/professional goals and the program in Culture, Literacy and Language
 5. Proof of GRE and Proof of TOEFL score (international students)
 6. A resume or curriculum vitae

** Students who do not meet the minimum admission requirements should contact the program's Student Development Specialist and the Graduate School Catalog for special or conditional admissions

How to Apply

Apply through the UTSA Graduate School

🔗 graduateschool.utsa.edu

Send all USPS mail (transcripts, etc.) to:

The University of Texas at San Antonio
 Attn: The Graduate School
 One UTSA Circle
 San Antonio, TX 78249

Send electronic transcripts to:

✉ graduateadmissions@utsa.edu

Contact Information

College of Education and Human Development

🔗 education.utsa.edu
 ✉ education@utsa.edu
 📞 210.458.4370

Graduate School

🔗 graduateschool.utsa.edu
 ✉ graduateadmissions@utsa.edu
 📞 210.458.4331

Department of Bicultural-Bilingual Studies

🔗 education.utsa.edu/bicultural-bilingual_studies/
 📞 210.458.6619

Financial Aid

🔗 utsa.edu/financialaid
 📞 210.458.8000 (general line)
 📞 210.458.7169 (appointments)

** Approved degree programs include: anthropology, applied linguistics, bicultural-bilingual studies, communications, cultural studies, ethnic studies, education (general, bilingual, foreign language, multicultural), history, international studies, linguistics, psychology, sociology, or Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). Doctoral Program Committee must approve other fields.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

To apply, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA)

🔗 fafsa.ed.gov

Graduate assistantship positions available within the college (average of 19 hours per week)

Additional graduate student scholarship information:

🔗 graduateschool.utsa.edu/funding
 🔗 utsa.edu/scholarships
 🔗 education.utsa.edu/current_students/scholarships

