Purpose of Program

The Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching (ILT) doctoral program examines learning and teaching from an interdisciplinary perspective, focusing on varied approaches to teaching and learning from within and across various disciplines. The following are the program foundations: how teaching and learning are addressed within disciplines, how they may intersect with one another, and how each discipline maintains its uniqueness while sharing commonalities with other disciplines. Preparation in this program helps students examine the perspectives of teaching, learning, and professional development associated with educating culturally, linguistically, and economically diverse populations.

Program Options

The ILT program is a 60 credit hour program that focuses on the preparation of researchers who examine the theories, philosophies, and multiple paradigms that inform learning and teaching from an interdisciplinary perspective with respect to the varied ways of knowing, situated cognition, and sociocultural contexts, as well as curricular and instructional development.

In addition to completing research methodology coursework and a set of ILT core courses, students choose a cognate area, which they use as a starting point to begin formulating research questions related to their area of interest. The available cognate areas are:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Early Childhood and Elementary Education
- Instructional Technology
- Literacy Education
- Special Education

Applicants are required to designate a cognate area of interest as part of the application process. Applicants are encouraged to carefully select their cognate area as it is a determining factor in admissions decisions. Contact the Graduate Advisor of Record for more information.

Career Opportunities

This doctoral degree prepares students to become instructional leaders, researchers, and decision-makers who are knowledgeable about cultural, economic, and world issues. Potential employers include government and state agencies, educational think tanks, school districts, colleges, and universities.

My experiences in the doctoral program at UTSA have not only been enjoyable but they have been rewarding. I have been provided with great care and service by the faculty and staff. Their dedication and guidance have contributed to the development of my role as an effective educator.

- Allegra Montemayor, Doctoral Student
Admission Requirements

- A master’s degree in education or in related education or academic field** with a minimum grade point average of 3.25 in the master’s degree coursework
- For applicants whose native language is not English, the submission of Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores of no less than 550 on the paper-based test, 79 on the internet-based test, or 6.5 on the IELTS
- Submission of a portfolio for evaluation by the Doctoral Program Committee consisting of the following:
  1. College transcripts from every institution attended, including transcript that documents master’s degree and GPA in education or approved field**
  2. Three letters of recommendation attesting to the student’s academic and personal attributes, potential both for success in the program, and contributing substantially to a field of study related to the degree
  3. An academic writing sample in the form of a personal statement/essay describing research interests, chosen cognate, and reasons for pursuing this degree.
  4. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test scores (not older than five years)
  5. Professional résumé documenting experience in a work environment (formal positions or internships) where education was the primary professional emphasis
  6. Agreement to participate in an interview with the admissions committee if so invited

** Requires a minimum of 36 semester hours in master’s degree program. Academic disciplines such as biology or history may also be accepted. Please consult with the Graduate Advisor of Record or visit the Graduate School website for additional assistance.

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

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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