Master’s Degree in Second Language Learning and Teaching

The Master’s Program in Second Language Learning and Teaching is offered by the UC School of Teacher Training and is taught by professors from the Department of Philology, specialists in Second Language Learning and Teaching, Linguistics, Literature and Translation.

Aims

The main goal of this Master’s Program is to train Second Language Teachers for today’s multilingual, global world. In particular, this master’s program seeks:

- To provide students with theoretical and practical knowledge about Applied Linguistics, Second Language Teaching Methodology, and Bilingual Learning and Teaching.
- To train students in teaching skills (methods, resources, materials, strategies, and technologies) that will enable them to become Second Language professionals.
- To train students in fundamental research skills that will enable them to carry out scientifically rigorous studies responding to the needs of the educational community involved in second language learning and teaching.
- To delve into the relationship between language, culture and society, with a special emphasis on the status of English as a language of international communication, or lingua franca, in the world today.
- To provide students with the conceptual and practical tools necessary to develop lifelong learning skills and to meet the educational challenges they will face in their professional sphere.

Entry requirements

A bachelor’s degree, preferably in a subject related to languages, language learning or education. However, we do consider applicants from a range of other backgrounds.

Special requirements for holders of foreign degrees:

You will need to have your Bachelor’s Degree translated and internationally legalized in order to be admitted to a Master’s program in Spain. The process and dates for admission are also different. You can find the instructions to apply here: https://web.unican.es/admision/acceso-a-estudios-de-master-oficial/admision-extrahistoria-estudiantes-sistemas-educativos-extranjeros

Career opportunities

Jobs as second language teachers, advisors and specialists. Research opportunities in this field.
# Program Structure

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| A. Applied Linguistics for Second Language Learning and Teaching | – Development of SL Communicative Skills: Reading and Writing  
– Development of SL Communicative Skills: Listening and Speaking  
– Development of SL Phonetic and Lexical Competence  
– Development of SL Grammatical Competence  
– Development of SL Pragmatic and Discursive Competence  
– Language Acquisition Research Methodology | 17 |
| B. Second Language Teaching Methodology and Didactics | – SL Teaching: Methodology and Teaching Materials  
– Information and Communication Technologies in Second-Language Teaching  
– Literature and Cinema as a Didactic Tool in the Language classroom  
– Assessment and Foreign Language Teaching According to the CEFR for languages | 13 |
| C. Bilingual Learning and Teaching | – Current Approaches to Bilingualism and SL Acquisition  
– Content and Foreign Language Integrated Learning  
– Bilingual Education: Policy, Programmes and Practice in the Spanish and European Context  
– Teaching of Languages for Specific Purposes | 12 |
| D. Teaching Placement (elective) | The Teaching Placement (6 ECTS elective) will take place in a bilingual school, in an Official School of Languages ("Escuela Oficial de Idiomas", a public network of language schools for adults) or in an international destination (Schools in Ireland, the United Kingdom or Findland). | 6 |
| E. Research Project Design (elective) | | 6 |
| F. Master's Thesis | The Master’s Thesis (12 ECTS) will deal with the lines of research presented in any of the courses. | 12 |

You can find more details here: [http://web.unican.es/centros/educacion/m%C3%A1ster-universitario-en-aprendizaje-y-ensenanza-de-segundas-lenguas](http://web.unican.es/centros/educacion/m%C3%A1ster-universitario-en-aprendizaje-y-ensenanza-de-segundas-lenguas)

**Language Assistanship Program.**

You can combine this Master’s Program with our Language Assistanship Program ‘TAG with UC’, (700€ per 12 hours per week of English conversation classes in a public high school in the city of Santander).