

PhD in SLA Advising Sheet (SLPH)

Name: _____ Advisor: _____

Entrance to PhD Program: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Expected to finish coursework: _____

Area of interest: _____

30 credits coursework for the PhD in SLA*

Select 2 courses in 2 of the following areas (12 credit hours total):

Area 1: Second Language Learning

Course Number/Title	Semester Completed:
_____	_____
_____	_____

Area 2: Second Language Instruction

Course Number/Title	Semester Completed:
_____	_____
_____	_____

Area 3: Second Language Assessment

Course Number/Title	Semester Completed:
_____	_____
_____	_____

Area 4: Second Language Use

Course Number/Title	Semester Completed:
_____	_____
_____	_____

Focus Area (Electives): Select 2 courses with your Advisor (6 credit hours total) from Areas 1-4 above:

Course Number/Title	Semester Completed:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Research Methods: Select 2 (6 credit hours total):

Course Number/Title	Semester Completed:
_____	_____
_____	_____

Dissertation Coursework hours: (6 credits per semester; 12 hours total)**

SLAA 899: Doctoral Dissertation Research _____

*NB: some coursework may be necessary to prepare for the PhD-level courses, e.g., SLAA 610: Research and Theories in SLA; The Philosophy of science course is recommended (PHIL 651).

**Student must be enrolled in Dissertation Research each semester after admission to candidacy; 12 hours are required by the grad school to graduate.

2 Qualifying papers*

Students must sign up for at least 1 credit hour while writing qualifying papers: (1-8 credits). (Each advisor overseeing this paper has a unique section number for the course.)

SLAA 898: Pre-candidacy research in SLA (Independent Study) _____

*Please note that your Human Subjects Research proposal must first go through the SLLC liaison to the University IRB. **Internal Review Board typically takes 2-3 months in advance of data collection** (www.umresearch.umd.edu/IRB).

IRB for Paper 1 Submitted: _____

IRB for Paper 2 Submitted: _____

Paper 1 Defense scheduled: _____

Paper 2 Defense scheduled: _____

NB: All “INCOMPLETE” grades must be settled prior to admission to candidacy.

Language Requirement

Before graduation, all students completing the PhD in Second Language Acquisition must demonstrate three types of experience with non-native language: learning a non-native language, using a non-native language, and teaching a language to non-native speakers of that language. All three types of experience will be verified through official documentation and/or assessment as follows:

1. Language Learning.

Students must have spent at least two semesters as a student of a non-native language in a post-secondary classroom environment (6 total credits minimum). Verified through transcript. SLLC will provide this experience for any student who needs it.

2. Language Teaching.

Students must have taught a language to non-native speakers of that language for at least 1 semester, or the equivalent of 45 hours. Verified through contract, letter, etc. SLLC will provide this experience for any student who needs it.

3. Language Use.

Students must show that they are able to communicate in a non-native language at the intermediate-low level on the ACTFL scale through an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI).

Students whose native language is not English will be able to satisfy this requirement through their competency in English.

These three requirements do not necessarily have to be met in the same language.

Admission to candidacy: _____

Dissertation Topic:

Dissertation Committee (5 members of faculty and/or affiliate faculty):

Chair: _____

Dean's Representative: _____

Dissertation Proposal Defense Scheduled: _____

**NB: ALL Paperwork for the Graduate School is the sole responsibility of the Advisee –
Please note deadlines in advance of the semester you intend to graduate!**

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