

# Language and Literacy

Degree Overview in the College of Education  
Language and Literacy | 820 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29208



## Application Deadlines

Fall: **March 15**  
Spring: **October 15**

The mission of the University of South Carolina's nationally recognized Language and Literacy Program is to design research paths that promote educators in becoming transformational literacy leaders committed to diversity-oriented and equity-minded education.

## Language and Literacy, M.Ed.

**30-36**  
SEMESTER  
HOURS

### Degree Requirements

Minimum of 30 hours. At the end of their course work, students take a comprehensive examination and defend their work to program faculty.

### Sample Masters Core Courses

- Critical Foundations of Literacy K-12
- Instructional Strategies for Literacy
- Literacy Assessment and Instruction
- Seminar in Literacy and Inquiry
- Literacy Leadership Through Coaching, Professional Learning, and Family/Community Outreach
- Teaching Reading and Writing in the Content Areas
- Teaching Literacy Through Multicultural Literature
- Teaching Reading and Writing to ESOL Learners: Theory and Practice
- Multimodal, Multi-genre Writing Instruction K-12

*\*Courses vary in format, including face-to-face, online, and hybrid models*

### Required Documents for Application



- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) Scores
- Letter of Intent
- Official Transcripts
- Resume
- Two Letters of Recommendation



## Language and Literacy, Ph.D.

The Ph.D. degree prepares students to fill positions in a wide variety of settings: higher education, schools, agencies, and private practice.

**60-69**  
SEMESTER  
HOURS

### Degree Requirements

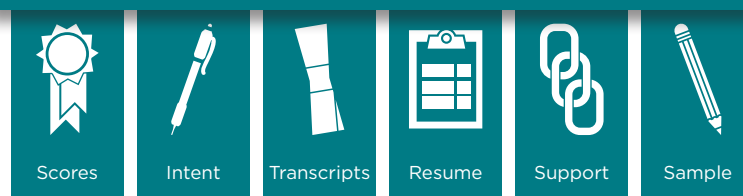
Minimum of 60-69 semester hours beyond their master's degree. The last 30 hours of course work must be completed no more than eight years prior to graduation.

At the end of their course work, students take a comprehensive examination, write a proposal, conduct research, compose a dissertation, and defend their work to program faculty.

### Sample Doctoral Core Courses

- Bilingual and Biliteracy Development of Young Children
- Literacy for Equity and Empowerment
- New Directions for Literacy and Literacy Research
- Cultural Perspectives on Psychological and Social Foundations of Literacy Learning
- Examination of Critical Race Theory in Literacy
- Miscue Analysis
- Tween and Teen Literacy in a Multimodal, Digital World

### Required Documents for Application



- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) Scores
- Letter of Intent
- Official Transcripts
- Resume
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Writing Sample: Must include references. May be a paper written for a class assignment.