

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

Our program's purpose is to support you in becoming a highly qualified literacy professional who can act as a change agent and effectively serve the children and educators of South Carolina and the nation. When you join the Language and Literacy program, you will be able to engage in research experiences with expert faculty who have international and national recognition in a wide range of literacy backgrounds. You become part of a wider community of learners who actively explore the relationships between language, culture, reading, and writing for young children to adults.

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY, M.ED.

**30
CREDIT
HOURS**

This is a hybrid program with the majority of classes offered online. Some classes are offered face-to-face in our summer intensive model as well as during the academic year in order to provide real-time interaction and field-based experiences.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Earn two **advanced literacy add-on certifications** as part of the M.Ed. program: Literacy Teacher and Literacy Coach*
- Earn the Literacy Specialist certification* with one additional course (33 credits)
- Earning these certifications within the M.Ed. program is **unique from any other higher education program** offered in South Carolina.
- Experience a new, updated, and overhauled program that reflects **cutting-edge advances** in literacy research
- Take leadership courses focused specifically on **teacher literacy leadership**
- Apply any time with **rolling admission!**



Application Deadlines: Language and Literacy, M.Ed.

Applications are evaluated and decisions issued on a rolling basis.

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY, PH.D.

**60
CREDIT
HOURS**

This program is designed for full- and part-time student researchers and practitioners. Classes are available in online, hybrid, and face-to-face formats.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Engage in **authentic research and scholarship** with faculty who are national and international leaders in the literacy field
- **Explore multiple lenses of literacies** (e.g. social, cultural, and critical)
- Earn an **optional qualitative certification** as part of the degree
- Create **concentration areas** to match your research interests.
- Engage in an academic community and academic, professional, and social support
- Learn in a diverse student community with a mix of international, national, and local students
- Funding may be available



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Fall: **February 15**
Spring: **October 1**

You can also **earn South Carolina ESOL certification*** through a sequence of five courses as an addition to either degree program or as a separate certification.

**Add-on certifications are determined and granted by the South Carolina Department of Education.*

For more information, please see our webpage at sc.edu/study/majors_and_degrees/language_and_literacy or contact Julia Lopez-Robertson, Ph.D. (LOPEZROB@mailbox.sc.edu).