



## Second Language Studies

### **A postgraduate programme in Second Language Studies (MA and structured PhD)**

#### Programme Description:

In a multilingual global society, the monolingual speaker is almost extinct. This has given rise to new areas of studies, which, by definition, are interdisciplinary, principally emanating from linguistics, psychology, sociology and education. Second Language Studies will treat both the process and product of second language learning. This Masters programme comprises course work and thesis. These courses can also be the basis for a structured PhD programme. It has grown out of a concentration in linguistics and language courses within the School of Languages and Literatures and the shared interest in language and linguistics of members of the language sections. It is an interdisciplinary programme with input in University College Dublin from linguistics, psychology, sociology and education. SLA research examines the processes that result in the acquisition and use of a second or further languages and relates its results to the wider general context of cognition. The programme also focuses on applied SLA research which relates its findings to issues of teaching and learning languages in formal (classroom) or naturalistic settings. Increasingly, SLA research also explores issues of identity construction, the role and identity of the speaker in the educational system and the issue of integration of L2 speakers.

The programme will deal with the central issues in Second Language Acquisition (SLA) research, both psycholinguistic and sociolinguistic. Topics include: cross-linguistic influence; developmental stages in second language acquisition; acquisition of form and function in a second language; the social context in second language acquisition; variation in learner language; "Accommodation Theory"; input and interaction; individual differences in second language learners: attitude and motivation, personality, aptitude, intelligence, cognitive style and age; effects of instruction on second language acquisition.

#### Second Language Studies Career Prospects

Graduates of this programme can expect to acquire the skills and knowledge for careers in second language related fields in teaching, administration, business and government. Third level institutions increasingly seek scholars with expertise in Second Language Acquisition. In addition, there are many opportunities in non-academic spheres for second language acquisition graduates; business technology and government, where global interdependence has led to a need for individuals with the skills necessary to negotiate this new multicultural and multilingual world.

#### Full-Time or Part-Time Study

The MA in Second Language Studies is offered as a full-time or part-time programme. Full time students are required to accumulate 90 credits in one year. The course work is worth 60 credits and the minor dissertation 30 credits. Part-time students may spread the required modules over two years. We recommend that part-time students cover at least half the required modules in year one (30 credits). However, the appropriate workload will be discussed with each part-time student on an individual basis.

### Fees

Students are liable to pay programme fees to the University. In addition to programme fees, student must budget for their own maintenance (including accommodation). University fees are fixed for each year and are subject to an annual increase. For information on fees for Graduate programmes: <http://www.ucd.ie/registry/adminservices/fees/2011/index.html>

### Entry Requirements

Students must have at least a Second Class Honours BA degree or its equivalent.

### Application Process

Applications for this programme are welcome from 1 February until 20 August 2011. Applicants are required to fill out the online application form that can be downloaded from <http://www.ucd.ie/sllf/index.html>) and to submit it. You will also be asked to submit complete university transcripts or equivalent qualifications, a CV, one reference and an administration fee of €45.

Further information can be obtained from the programme Directors Professor Vera Regan ([vera.regan@ucd.ie](mailto:vera.regan@ucd.ie)) and Dr Rosario Hernandez ([charo.hernandez@ucd.ie](mailto:charo.hernandez@ucd.ie))

Assessment: Students must accumulate 90 credits in all

70 credits accumulated from the following core modules:

SLL40010 Second Language Acquisition 1	12.5 credits
SLL40070 Second Language Acquisition 2	10 credits
LING40030 General Linguistics	7.5 credits
SLL40100 Research skills 1	5 credits
SLL40110 Research skills 2	5 credits
SLL40090 Minor thesis	30 credits

And another 20 credits from among the following modules (N.B. students may select **only one** of the modules with the \*):

SLL 40180 Second Language Teaching & Learning	10 credits
SLL 40190 Morphology	10 credits
LING 40220 Minority Languages	10 credits
LING 40020 Meaning	7.5 credits
LING 40050 Phonology	7.5 credits
LING 40090 Sociolinguistics	7.5 credits
LING 40110 Syntax	7.5 credits
PSY 40350 Current Issues in Language Development	10 credits
GER 40040 Translation Theory*	10 credits
SPAN 40250 Advanced Writing in Spanish*	10 credits
ITAL 40120 Advanced Italian Language*	10 credits
ITAL 40290 Teaching Experience*	10 credits
FR 30160 Sociolinguistics	5 credits
SOC 30200 Sociology of Migration	5 credits
SPOL 30020 Migration, Ethnicity and Social Change	5 credits

## Module Descriptions:

Follow the link below and search modules by keyword or by School

[http://www.ucd.ie/students/course\\_search.htm](http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm)

## Module co-ordinators:

You may contact the module coordinators if you need any further details:

### *Core Modules*

SLL40010 Second Language Acquisition 1 (Prof. Vera Regan [vera.regan@ucd.ie](mailto:vera.regan@ucd.ie))  
SLL40070 Second Language Acquisition 2 (Dr Rosario Hernández [charo.hernandez@ucd.ie](mailto:charo.hernandez@ucd.ie))  
LING40030 General Linguistics (Dr Bettina Migge [bettinamigge@ucd.ie](mailto:bettinamigge@ucd.ie))  
SLL40100 Research skills I (Dr Alison Ribeiro de Menezes [alison.menezes@ucd.ie](mailto:alison.menezes@ucd.ie))  
SLL40110 Research skills II (Dr Rosario Hernández [charo.hernandez@ucd.ie](mailto:charo.hernandez@ucd.ie))  
SLL40090 Minor thesis (Contact the Programme Directors)

### *Option Modules*

SLL 40180 Second Language Teaching & Learning (Dr Rosario Hernández [charo.hernandez@ucd.ie](mailto:charo.hernandez@ucd.ie))  
SLL 40190 Morphology (Dr Paolo Acquaviva [paolo.acquaviva@ucd.ie](mailto:paolo.acquaviva@ucd.ie))  
LING 40220 Minority Languages (Dr Maire Ni Chiosain [maire.nichiosain@ucd.ie](mailto:maire.nichiosain@ucd.ie))  
LING 40020 Meaning (Mr Feargal Murphy [feargal.murphy@ucd.ie](mailto:feargal.murphy@ucd.ie))  
LING 40050 Phonology (Dr Maire Ni Chiosain [maire.nichiosain@ucd.ie](mailto:maire.nichiosain@ucd.ie))  
LING 40090 Sociolinguistics (Dr Bettina Migge [bettinamigge@ucd.ie](mailto:bettinamigge@ucd.ie))  
LING 40110 Syntax (Prof. Jamal Ouhalla [j.ouhalla@ucd.ie](mailto:j.ouhalla@ucd.ie))  
PSY 40350 Current Issues in Language Development (Dr Tina Hickey [tina.hickey@ucd.ie](mailto:tina.hickey@ucd.ie))  
GER 40040 Translation Theory\* (Dr Sabine Strumper-Krobb [strumper.krobb@ucd.ie](mailto:strumper.krobb@ucd.ie))  
SPAN 40250 Advanced Writing in Spanish\* (Dr Paul Rankin [paul.rankin@ucd.ie](mailto:paul.rankin@ucd.ie))  
ITAL 40120 Advanced Italian Language\* (Dr Eric Haywood [eric.haywood@ucd.ie](mailto:eric.haywood@ucd.ie))  
ITAL 40290 Teaching Experience\* (Dr Eric Haywood [eric.haywood@ucd.ie](mailto:eric.haywood@ucd.ie))  
FR 30160 Sociolinguistics (Prof. Vera Regan [vera.regan@ucd.ie](mailto:vera.regan@ucd.ie))  
SOC 30200 Sociology of Migration (Dr Steven Loyal [steven.loyal@ucd.ie](mailto:steven.loyal@ucd.ie))  
SPOL 30020 Migration, Ethnicity and Social Change (Prof. Bryan Fanning [bryan.fanning@ucd.ie](mailto:bryan.fanning@ucd.ie))

## Staff Profiles:

*Professor Vera Regan*, Associate Professor of Sociolinguistics in the School of Languages and Literatures. President of Association of French Language Studies, Former President of the European Association for Second Language Research and member of the International Commission on Second Language Acquisition. She has held visiting professorships at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Ottawa, two Fulbright Senior Research Awards, IRCHSS Senior Research fellowships. Research interests include Second Language Acquisition, Sociolinguistics, Multilingualism, the Sociolinguistic analysis of variation in French (including French-Canadian forms);

IRCHSS funded projects include “Language, Identity and Interculturalism in Ireland” (2009-2010), and “Second language acquisition and native language maintenance in the Polish diaspora in Ireland and France” (2006-2009).

[http://www.ucd.ie/sllf/Research/Regan\\_Vera\\_profile.html](http://www.ucd.ie/sllf/Research/Regan_Vera_profile.html)

*Dr Rosario Hernández* is lecturer in the School of Languages and Literatures and University Fellow in Teaching and Academic Development (2007-09). She has expertise in Education with research interests in the assessment of student learning, including self and peer assessment practices; the impact that alternative assessment practices have on students' learning; second language teaching and learning; teaching methodologies, the professional development of teachers and ICT in teaching. She has been the recipient of a UCD President's Teaching Award.

[http://www.ucd.ie/sllf/Research/Hernandez\\_Chao\\_profile.html](http://www.ucd.ie/sllf/Research/Hernandez_Chao_profile.html)

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