

BILINGUAL/ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



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Bilingual/ESL (English as a Second Language) concerns are part of Dr. Lara's agenda in her teaching, her research, and her service activities. She has received Dept. Education awards in that area, has served on the Board of Editors for the **Journal of Educational Issues of Language Minority Students**, and serves as community resource person. She is also interested in elementary education and reading.

(Minor Only)

The Bilingual/E.S.L. is an interdisciplinary minor that provides students the opportunity to develop an understanding of the role of language in society, how an individual functions in a society where his/her primary language is not the primary language of the society and how a second language is acquired. This understanding is useful for those working in a bilingual or E.S.L. classroom, workplace or social service organization. It also provides the individual with greater insight into the bilingual society of the Southwestern United States.

Consult with the College of Arts and Science Academic Advising Office for a list of faculty advisors.

Teacher Certification

See your education certification advisor for the TExES/ExCET requirements.

Minor Requirements

Students should choose 18 credits from the following three groups as described below. In so doing, the student will take:

- No more than 3 hours in the major discipline not including a course taken for that major
- No more than 9 hours of lower level courses
- No more than 9 hours from any one course discipline

Group A: Students must take at least 6 credits from the following** — EDUC 4329, EDUC 3362, EDUC 4315, EDUC 4336 or EDUC 4363.

Group B: Students, other than English majors, must take 6 credits from the following — ENGL 3371, ENGL 3372, or SPAN 3311*. English majors who take ENGL 3371 or ENGL 3372 to fulfill requirements for the English degree must take ENGL 3371 or ENGL 3372 not taken for the major and nine hours of Group C electives.

Group C: Students, other than English majors, must take 6 additional credits from either Group A or Group B or from the following — ENGL 3306, ENGL 3340, HIST 3371, HIST 3311, PSYC 3341, SOCI 4320, SPAN 3378*, or COMM 4308.

*These courses require proficiency in Spanish. See the course descriptions for pre-requisites.

**Consult School of Education Advisor