SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, PHD

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. ***Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).*** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 15
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

The PhD Program in Second Language Acquisition requires a master's degree in English, TESOL, English as a Second Language, a language other than English (LOTE), applied linguistics, linguistics, or education – and in specific cases (such as with a relevant undergraduate degree or graduate minor), in psychology.

The master's degree should prepare applicants for doctoral studies in a multidisciplinary field focused on how additional languages are acquired. Familiarity with the fundamentals of language study from a theoretical and empirical perspective is expected. Some knowledge of issues pertaining to language learning and teaching is preferred. Graduation requirements for our program require written and oral proficiency in English and another language.

In addition to the application, three letters of recommendation, and unofficial transcripts, applicants must submit the following:

- A Statement of Purpose for Doctoral Studies in Second Language Acquisition at UW-Madison
- Curriculum Vitae
- An academic writing sample
- Responses to the program's supplemental questions

Please refer to the Second Language Acquisition website (https://sla.wisc.edu/admissions/) for details about required application materials (https://sla.wisc.edu/how-to-apply/#application-materials-checklist) and submission methods. Additionally, general admission requirements stipulated by the graduate school (e.g., evidence of English proficiency for international students from some countries) apply.