



Institute for **CROSS CULTURAL TRAINING** at Wheaton College

Summary of ICCT Online Second Language Acquisition Courses

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Overview: ICCT has fully online courses, training, workshops, and consulting:

- ◇ *Second language acquisition courses for every language and proficiency level, pre-field and on-field*
- ◇ *Language coach courses (currently offering 4 different courses)*
- ◇ *ESL teaching certificates and workshops (1-day and 1-week options)*
- ◇ *Cross-cultural living and ministry course for workers of all experience levels*
- ◇ *Organization and team consulting on language policy and learner issues*

ICCT Second Language Acquisition Distinctives

- ◇ *Excellent, personalized training at affordable cost with flexible dates and hours of instruction*
- ◇ *SLA and culture courses both include optional guidance for parents and activities for children*
- ◇ *One-on-one video conference sessions with instructor*
- ◇ *One-on-one sessions with target language/host culture helper either over video chat or in-person*
- ◇ *Individualized to match learner's needs (target language proficiency levels, field learning situation, family responsibilities, etc.)*
- ◇ *All instructors have a master's degree or higher in Applied Linguistics, Second Language Acquisition, MATESOL, or related field*
- ◇ *New, customized courses available upon request (content, workload, etc.)*
- ◇ *Customized start dates at any time*

- ◇ *Customized cohorts upon request (ex. A course with workers from one organization or one field/area)*
- ◇ *Example cost for pre-field training online:
SLA for Beginning Learners (\$1150) + Cross-Cultural Living and Ministry (\$350) = \$1500*

SLA courses

Components

- **Phonetics:** One-on-one video conference with instructor on target language pronunciation. Focus on individual pronunciation problem areas while giving a basic understanding of the usefulness of phonetics for language learning. Helps learner understand the “why” of pronunciation practice as well as how to assess and improve pronunciation as independent learners later on.
- **Foundations:** Overall framework for language and culture learning. Exposure to a range of useful insights from the field of second language acquisition and related disciplines. Helps learners relate these insights to their own needs and future learning situation. Basic and practical issues are at the forefront. Addresses the what of language learning; who they are as a language and culture learner; how to go about the learning process. Optional session on child language acquisition which includes optional one-on-one video conference with our child language acquisition specialist (at no additional cost).
- **Language Learning Techniques:** One-on-one work with a language helper from the target language (usually online over video chat but also can be done face-to-face). Guided lesson plans and activities as well as learners writing their own unit plans and lesson plans and trying them out. Action-oriented and reflective assignments. Teaches learners how to better work with a language helper or other one-on-one situation to meet their communicative needs, whether it’s as a supplement to a formalized language program like language school or GPA, or as a primary way to learn a language. There are optional child language learning activities that we provide at no extra cost if parents would like their children to begin learning the target language.

Second Language Acquisition options (each course includes all three components above):

- ◇ **SLA for Beginning Learners.** This course is for those who are pre-field or just getting started in language learning. Includes 8 hours one-on-one with a language helper in their target host language, 14 one-on-one phonetics sessions working on pronunciation of their target language, and 15 learning modules with one-on-one video calls with an instructor. Recommended for all who are going to be ministering and working in a different language for 2+ years.
- ◇ **Introduction to Language Learning.** This course is a shorter version of SLA for Beginning Learners, with only 3 hours with a language helper, 7 one-on-one phonetics sessions, and 15 shorter learning modules with instructor video calls. Recommended for those

who will be ministering and working primarily in English but also will learn another language for getting around or for only 1-2 years.

- ◇ **SLA for Continuing Learners.** This course is for those who are already past the beginner level of proficiency, all the way up to superior proficiency level. They can be pre-field, on-field for many years, or simply want to get to a higher level of proficiency but feel stuck. It includes 6-8 hours of work with a language helper in the target host language, up to 14 one-on-one phonetics sessions working on pronunciation of the target language, and 15 learning modules with one-on-one video calls with the instructor. This course can be taken over a period of 15 weeks so that the learner can also get intensive language coaching from the instructor as they are going through the SLA course content slowly while still doing heavy language learning.
- ◇ **Recommended add-on: Just-in-Time SLA Program.** This is a one-year coaching program for language learners. It begins with the learner's choice of an SLA course, then continues on with language coaching from an ICCT instructor during their first year of learning, and ends with additional online modules to help the learner plan for future learning after the program ends.

Important notes:

- Flexible start dates (any time)
- Flexible amount of hours per week (starting at 4 hours per week up to 20 hours per week)
- Can be done pre-field, early arrival on-field, or a combination of both (ex. Do Phonetics and Foundations pre-field and then work with language helper once they get on-field)
- Flexible number of sessions and content (SLA for Beginning/Continuing Learners is 15 sessions at 6 hours per session; Just-in-Time SLA or Introduction to Language Learning is 15 sessions at 3 hours per session).
- Cost for Just-in-Time SLA Program (the year-long SLA program with language coaching) is \$1500
- Cost for Introduction to Language Learning (for those going short term or not doing heart-language ministry) is \$650
- Coming Fall 2021: Jump-Start SLA course. 6 total hours of instruction to give a "jump start" of language learning basics.

Culture course

Cross-cultural living and ministry

Prepares participants for cross-cultural living and ministry as they learn about their own cultural values and how those values may differ from the basic values commonly found in other cultures, with an emphasis on their host culture. Pushes the learner beyond surface-level cultural knowledge to a deeper understanding of values and insight into cultural patterns.

- Primary goal is to provide a framework for better understanding life and ministry in their host culture, along with practical tools for further observation and discovery.
- One-on-one video conference chat with instructor each week to discuss personal take-aways and practical applications from the Culture Foundations section (online videos, readings, and written reflections).

- Work with a culture helper from the host culture, either over video chat or in-person, at least four times during the course using guided activities and interviews.
- Course culminates with a culture learning plan that includes practical steps for moving forward in cultural understanding in the future.
- Includes optional learning activities for children at no additional cost.

Important notes:

-Flexible start dates

-Manageable and flexible workload. 10 sessions at 2 hours each.

-Can be done pre-field, early arrival on-field, or a combination of both (Ex. Do culture foundations sessions pre-field, and activities with culture helper after on-field arrival)

-Excellent for new workers as well as seasoned workers (both groups get a lot out of the course)

-Cost: \$350 if taken with an SLA course; \$450 on its own

Other ICCT Online Training Opportunities

TESOL certificates and ESL teaching workshops for English teachers

- Fully online, real-time virtual instruction.
- 8-hour or 30-hour ICCT TESOL certificate options.
- Professional consultation for ESL program directors and volunteers.
- Cost: \$99-\$400

Language coach courses

- Highly recommended that on-field language coaches and team leaders take these courses.
- Fully online, asynchronous sessions; each session is ~2 hours of work.
- 3 courses currently available: Foundations of Language Coaching, Learner Assessment, and Listen Up & Speak Out
- Coming soon: Learning Worship and Ministry Language course.
- Cost: \$250-\$300