

## Master of Arts in Second Language Acquisition, Policy and Culture (MASPC)

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The Master of Arts in Second Language Acquisition, Policy and Culture (MASPC) program offers methodological knowledge and skills to teach foreign languages. The degree provides professional knowledge that helps to shape public policy, and cultural awareness on multilingualism and multiculturalism, internship, practicum, study abroad and independent reseach opportunities are available.

# **3 FOCUS AREAS**

The MASPC program covers three focus areas:

Second Language Acquisition examines the process by which people learn a second language.

## Language Policy

focuses on language policies in education, business and government and how thee policies determine how languages are used and cultivated.

## **Culture Studies**



focuses on effectively interacting with people of different cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds, particularly in the context of human resources, non-profit organizations and government agencies whose employees work with people from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds.









# MASPC

#### **PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

The MASPC program consists of **30 credit hours**. Courses within the Master of Arts in Second Language Acquisition, Policy and Culture program are three credit hours. Courses are offered each fall and spring semester and during the summer. Students can complete the program in one to 1.5 years. Courses are offered using two formats:

1. In the classroom

2. Distance courses

#### APPLY TODAY!

Visit our website at <u>USI.edu/maspc</u> to inquire about the program and view the admission requirements.

We offer rolling admissions, so you can apply at any time with three start dates throughout the academic year!

- 1. Complete the Graduate Studies application
  - a. Submit the application fee
  - b. Submit official transcripts and additional International information
- 2. Complete the MASPC admission process that includes:
  - a. Letter of intent
  - b. Three letters of recommendation



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# **Embedded Certifications**

#### **TESOL CERTIFICATION**

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) certification offers educational skills in teaching English to speakers of other languages at home and abroad. The course offers:

- Methodological and theoretical training on second language acquisition
- Instruction in teaching methodologies
- Hands-on experiences in the classroom

This course is only offered during the summer term.

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#### CAT CERTIFICATION

Cultural Awareness Training (CAT) certification provides the necessary skills to build an effective workforce in an increasingly global and diverse business setting. The program:

- Draws on the idea that a global and multifaceted workforce offers new perspectives, creative problem-solving skills and innovation in the workplace and the community at large
- Gives rising leaders new perspectives on how they view the world in order to create an inclusive and productive work environment

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