

CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND SOCIAL PRACTICE - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

CU Boulder is home to the program in culture, language and social practice (CLASP). This program provides an interdisciplinary forum on language and society for CU students and faculty. This is facilitated through regular colloquia on the subject of language and society, as well as a diverse curriculum of courses offered toward the CLASP graduate certificate.

The CLASP program brings cohesion to empirical and theoretical research currently conducted on campus in varied analytic traditions that focus on the study of culture, language and social practice. These traditions include sociolinguistics, linguistic anthropology, literacy, bilingualism, second language acquisition, language endangerment and revitalization, narrative studies, symbolic interactionism, language variation and change, ethnography of speaking and diverse forms of discourse analysis, such as conversation analysis, critical discourse analysis, interactional sociolinguistics and multimodal discourse analysis.

The program currently has over twenty affiliated faculty members from a variety of schools and departments, among them anthropology, communication, education, French and Italian, German and Slavic, linguistics, political science, Spanish and Portuguese, sociology and speech, language and hearing science.

For more information on the application process and program requirements, visit the CLASP Culture, Language & Social Practice (<http://www.colorado.edu/clasp>) website.

Requirements

Twelve credit hours of graduate-level course work are required for the graduate certificate in culture, language and social practice. Three credit hours must come from the list of approved core courses (Group A); six credit hours must come from the list of elective courses (Group B); and the three remaining credit hours must come from a course in either social theory or research methods (Group C), subject to approval by the CLASP curriculum committee. The course chosen to fulfill the Group C requirement, while not necessarily language-related, should be a methodological or theoretical course that informs the student's research interests in the relationship between language and society. *At least one of the three selected courses from Lists A and B must be from outside the student's home department.*

A student may opt to substitute a CU Boulder MA thesis on the subject of culture, language and social practice for one of the Group B courses, if approved by the curriculum committee, which is constituted by the CLASP faculty advisor and CLASP director. An independent study may also be substituted for a formal course, if approved by the committee.

A number of new and unlisted seminars on the subject of language and society are taught within individual departments each year. Students should check with the CLASP program director each semester for a list of additional courses that fulfill the requirements. Students wanting to substitute an unapproved course for one of the courses listed below must receive approval from the CLASP curriculum committee.

The acquisition of a CLASP certificate is dependent on the successful completion of all courses in the academic curriculum with a grade of B or higher.

Required Courses and Credits

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Group A: Core Courses		
Students will choose one core course from the list below.		3
ANTH/LING 6320	Linguistic Anthropology	
COMM 6410	Discourse Analysis	
COMM 6445	Language, Ideology and Identity	
COMM 6460	Ethnography of Communication	
LING 6310	Sociolinguistic Analysis	
EDUC 5615	Second Language Acquisition	
EDUC 5635	Education and Sociolinguistics	
SPAN 5450	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics	
Group B: Elective Courses		
Students will choose two elective courses. Recently offered courses that fulfill this requirement include: ¹		6
ANTH 6320	Linguistic Anthropology	
COMM 5210	Readings in Communication Theory	
COMM 6410	Discourse Analysis	
COMM 6445	Language, Ideology and Identity	
COMM 6440	Grounded Practical Theory	
COMM 6470	Public Deliberation and Dialogue	
COMM 6740	Theory and Philosophy of Organizing and Organizations	
EDUC 5235	Language and Literacy Across the Curriculum	
EDUC 5425	Foundations of Bilingual/ Multicultural Education	
EDUC 5455	Literacy for Linguistically Different Learners	
EDUC 5465	Introduction to ESL/Bilingual and Special Education	
EDUC 5615	Second Language Acquisition	
EDUC 5635	Education and Sociolinguistics	
EDUC 5425	Foundations of Bilingual/ Multicultural Education	
EDUC 5455	Literacy for Linguistically Different Learners	
EDUC 5465	Introduction to ESL/Bilingual and Special Education	
EDUC 5615	Second Language Acquisition	
EDUC 5635	Education and Sociolinguistics	
EDUC 8615	Language Issues in Education Research	
LING 5900	Independent Study	
LING 6310	Sociolinguistic Analysis	
LING 6320	Linguistic Anthropology	
LING 6560	Language Acquisition	
LING 7350	Language and Gender in Cultural Perspective	
LING 7800	Open Topics in Linguistics	
LING 7900	Independent Study	

SLHS 4000	Multicultural Aspects of Communication Differences and Disorders
SLHS 4560	Language Development
SPAN 5450	Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics
SPAN 7130	Seminar: Critical Approaches to Hispanic Literature

Group C: Courses in Social Theory and Research Methods

Choose one course in either social theory or research methods that is appropriate for research goals, in consultation with their CLASP faculty advisor.²

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Examples of social theory courses include:

ANTH 5780	Core Course-Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 5785	Advanced Seminar in Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 7010	Seminar: Contemporary Theory in Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 7620	Seminar: Ethnography and Cultural Theory
COMM 5210	Readings in Communication Theory
COMM 6360	Social and Cultural Theory
EDUC 5075	Sociology in Education
EDUC 6325	Anthropology of Education
GEOG 6742	Seminar: Cultural Geography
HIST 6330	History of Sex and Sexuality
ANTH 5530	Theoretical Foundations of Sociocultural Anthropology
ANTH 7010	Seminar: Contemporary Theory in Cultural Anthropology
PSCI 7004	Seminar: Political Theory
PSCI 7901	Independent Study
PSCI 7108	Special Topics
SOCY 5201	Graduate Seminar in Sociological Theory
SOCY 6041	Cultural Sociology
SOCY 7006	Sociology of Sex and Gender
SOCY 7036	Feminist Theory
SOCY 7131	Seminar in Social Psychology
WGST 6090	Feminist Theories
WGST 6290	Special Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies

Examples of seminars in methods include:

ANTH 7300	Seminar: Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology
COMM 6030	Qualitative Research Methods
EDUC 7346	Ethnographic Methods in Educational Research
EDUC 8250	Qualitative Methods I
EDUC 8260	Qualitative Methods II
LING 7800	Open Topics in Linguistics
SOCY 5111	Data 1: Introduction to Social Statistics
SOCY 6111	Data 2: Data Analysis
SOCY 6121	Qualitative Methods
SOCY 7026	Feminist Research Methods
SOCY 7121	Qualitative Analysis
WGST 6190	Feminist Methodology

¹ The courses listed in this category have been offered at CU Boulder in the recent past. They are not necessarily offered on a regular basis, and they often have rotating faculty members and are subject to change. Students may also substitute an approved independent study with a CLASP faculty member as one of the required electives.

² This is a working list of possible courses offered in these areas at CU Boulder, as listed in the catalog. Note that these are not CLASP-approved courses. Unlike the courses specified in Categories A and B, these courses are listed as suggestions only, to provide examples of the kinds of seminars that might be used to fulfill this requirement. Because many of these courses are taught by revolving faculty members who are not CLASP-affiliated, the course content is subject to change from semester to semester. In addition, some of these seminars have prerequisites or limit student enrollment on the basis of disciplinary background.