

Second Language Acquisition (SLA)

Fully online courses for pre-field and on-field learners

What do you do?

We prepare international workers to become **more efficient and effective** language learners **regardless of learning methods** (language school, tutoring, independent learning, or a combination of approaches). We believe that **better learning requires better learners**, and we are here to **equip and support** learners every step of the way.

How does it work?

We help each worker choose the course (see next page) that best fits his/her needs and availability. Most courses are broken into three components:

- 1) **Foundations:** An overall framework for language and culture learning, taught through videos, podcasts, short readings, and application questions.
- 2) **Language Learning Techniques (LLT):** Learning and putting into practice a variety of techniques to use with a language helper. You will meet one-on-one with an instructor to get feedback on Foundations and LLT assignments.
- 3) **Phonetics:** Short video lessons, individual practice drills, and one-on-one video calls with a phonetics instructor, all focused on the sound system of the target language.

Who should take an SLA course?

A variety of cross-cultural workers have found our courses helpful, including...

- 1) **Pre-field workers** who plan to learn one or more languages to live, work, and minister cross-culturally
- 2) **New-to-field workers** who are just beginning language study
- 3) Workers who have been on the field for at least a year and are **looking for additional support in language learning**
- 4) **Cross-cultural workers in North America** or those exploring cross-cultural service

"It helped me to be able to learn at my own pace. I also liked the convenience of being able to work from home." ~ ICCT student

What are the course options?

Course	Intended for...	Time Commitment	Cost
SLA for Beginning Learners	Pre-field or new-to-field learners planning to minister in heart language for 3+ years	6 weeks, 15-20 hours/week 12 weeks, 7-10 hours/week; ~100 hours total.	\$1350
SLA for Continuing Learners	Intermediate/advanced learners looking to advance in language proficiency	6 weeks, 15-20 hours/week 12 weeks, 7-10 hours/week; ~100 hours total.	\$1350
Introduction to Language Learning	Pre-field or new-to-field learners planning to minister in English but needing language for daily life	3 weeks, 15-20 hours/week; 6 weeks, 7-10 hours/week; ~50 hours total.	\$850
Jump-Start SLA	Pre-field or new-to-field learners with little time for language study or preparation. Self-paced.	1 week, 25 hours/week; 5 weeks, 5 hours/week; 25 hours total.	\$450
Language Coaching Add-on	One year of on-field individual and group coaching calls. Add on to any course.	1-3 hours per month	\$500

What's required in an online course?

These courses are designed to be flexible and available to learners worldwide, who can schedule their study time around daily life, ministry, and family responsibilities. Regular access to a computer with high-speed internet is required, as well as basic computer skills, such as saving and downloading files, using email, video calling, and cutting and pasting.

Unlike many online courses, instruction is provided **not just through reading**, but through **videos, podcasts, discussion boards, reflection questions, and individual video calls with instructors**. All of the materials are included with the course and available for download, including the 225-page *ICCT Second Language Acquisition Handbook*, digital resource library, audio files and phonetics exercises, information about your target language, and more than 75 language learning techniques with detailed instructions.

"I feel more equipped and prepared . . . and I feel like my toolbox is full of all sorts of tools to pull out and use. I definitely can't use the excuse 'but I don't know where to begin.' This class has given me SO MANY places to start, especially giving me a jump start on understanding what it will be like to work with a language helper." ~ ICCT student

Why choose ICCT's courses?

- **Location:** Take the course from the US or overseas; no travel required.
- **Cost:** Compared to traditional, in-person programs that include travel and room and board costs, our programs are quite cost-effective.
- **Flexibility:** Participants can schedule study times and one-on-one meetings when it is convenient for them.
- **Individualized assignments:** Unlike a large-group class, our learning experiences are tailored to individual student needs, helping keep participants engaged and use their time wisely.
- **Focus on the target language:** Our courses help participants bridge the gap between general language training and on-field practical learning experiences for a strong focus on the target language to be learned. Phonetics instruction is also focused on the target language.
- **Unlimited free email support:** We give unlimited, free email support to all those who go through our SLA program. Our goal is to "be there" through each step of the on-field language and culture learning process. While this is very labor-intensive on our part, it has proved to be a tremendous help to those who need ongoing guidance and encouragement, and so we have come to see this as a very important part of our ministry. We are also available to agency administrators who are dealing with issues related to the language and culture learning of their on-field personnel.

What else does ICCT offer?

- **Cross-Cultural Living & Ministry Course:** For new and seasoned workers, this course provides a framework, tools, and activities to learn the host culture's patterns and values through videos, readings, and weekly video calls with an instructor. \$550 (\$100 discount if taken with SLA course). 10 weeks, 2 hours/week.
- **English Teacher Training:** We offer 8, 10, and 30-hour certificates in English as a second language (ESL) teaching for those working with English language learners around the world. Courses include ESL basics, grammar, pronunciation, teaching vocabulary, and teaching one-on-one. Prices vary; discounts available.
- **Language Coaching Courses:** These courses equip coaches and field leaders to practically help their teams become successful language and culture learners through videos, readings, forums, and application questions. Courses include Foundations, Learner Assessment, Listen Up and Speak Out: Helping Learners Develop Oral Skills, and Coaching Learners for Ministry Language. 5 weeks, 2.5 hours/week. \$300-\$325.