

Certificate in Foreign Language Teaching

The Language and Culture Learning Center in conjunction with the Foreign Language Departments in Foreign and Classical Languages offers foreign language pedagogy workshops and supports the preparation of a teaching portfolio.

The certificate is meant for graduate students and lecturers in the foreign language departments. This certificate, as well as the teaching portfolio (reviewed by a committee), can be useful for foreign language instructors when they apply to academic positions.

Requirements to receive the certificate: Complete 8 (eight) workshops, approved by the respective department, that focus on foreign language teaching technology and other foreign language teaching related issues. Two instruction-focused workshops will be required, the other six workshops are selected based on the interest of the graduate student and lecturer.

Workshops

Technology -Focused	Instruction-Focused
Use and Set up of the Grade Center in BB	How to create a teaching portfolio?
Voice Tools 1: Voice board and voice presentation	How to deal with cheating?
Voice Tools 2: Podcasting	How to deal with Disruptive students? (Counseling Center)
Writing tools 1: discussion boards (video, audio, text prompts) and blogs	Training workshop on disability procedures. (Disability office)
Writing tools 2: Wikis (for research projects) and blogs	How to use video and film in foreign language instruction
Technology for 200-440 level courses: Advanced Courses 1: techniques for ensuring students come to class prepared (blogs, voice blogs, wikis and discussion boards)	Technology for the job market: How to prepare for technology questions in job interviews.
Technology for 200-440 level courses: Advanced Courses 2: enhancing students' presentation skills; practicing oral skills (speech acts))	Attendance of the yearly Language Symposium
Oral tests using voice boards and voice presentations	Teaching Heritage Speakers
Audacity freeware to create podcasts	Other approved workshops
Using Tablet PCs for language instruction	
Other approved workshops	

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Teaching Portfolio Content (minimum):

Teaching Statement

3 lesson plans

5 sample teaching ideas (2 on technology)

Student evaluations

Two observations from the coordinator (at least one observation should be based on video recording of the class session)

The teaching portfolio workshop will cover how to create the portfolio in Blackboard in addition to a paper version.