

The MSLT Degree: Your passport to teach around the world



IGOR HAIRULLAEV

Upon completing the MSLT degree in 2007, Igor went to work for the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA, where he began teaching Russian to military students. He has since moved up to Team Leader and supervises eight instructors. Igor says the MSLT program prepared him well for the real-world challenges of teaching adult learners in an intensive, result-oriented environment.



TRISTIN TAYLOR WEST

The MSLT degree she earned in 2006 led Tristin to a teaching position at an elementary school in Las Vegas for 2 years. She later began teaching as the Spanish teacher in one of Utah's Dual-Language Immersion programs and currently works in the Utah State Office of Education as coordinator of Spanish Dual-Immersion teachers.



ANA DE LA CRUZ TINEO

Before she entered the MSLT program, Ana worked as an instructor in an English Immersion program for adults in the Dominican Republic. Following the completing of her MSLT degree in 2010, Ana went to work as coordinator and supervisor of teachers in the English Immersion program of the Ministry of Higher Education of her country. Ana recently began a doctoral program in Curriculum & Instruction at Utah State University.



MARTIN BRIGGS

Licensed to teach both Spanish and ESL, Martin taught EFL in Mexico before starting the MSLT program. He is planning to live in South America to teach English and strengthen his Spanish skills this summer. Pursuing an MSLT degree to broaden his employment options, Martin is happy to have found a wide diversity of classmates with great enthusiasm for languages and cultures in the MSLT program.

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Utah State University is currently the only place where students can earn the professional Master of Second Language Teaching degree.

Originated at Utah State, the MSLT degree prepares students for a second-language-teaching career anywhere from the preschool to the college level.

Students in the program learn to be effective second-language teachers of the languages in which they are fluent. Many MSLT students are fluent in more than one language or are not native English speakers. This rich diversity contributes to the uniqueness of the program.

The full-time program can be completed in just 16 months, and classes are offered in a convenient late afternoon and evening schedule that coordinates with the schedules of working educators. The program is also offered in a part-time format.



MSLT graduates have gone on to successful teaching careers at universities such as Ball State and Drake, at the prestigious Defense Language Institute in California, and in Dual-Language Immersion programs in Utah public schools. Others have found employment abroad or gone on to pursue doctoral degrees at institutions such as the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Texas, and the University of Wisconsin.

Career Opportunities

The MSLT program is available either full-time or part-time. Coursework in the MSLT program combines the fields of foreign language education, dual-language immersion, and ESL/EFL education. Flexible assignments enable students to work on tasks that best fit their professional goals. Students are encouraged to pursue various teaching opportunities while in the program.

Throughout the program, students compile and revise a professional portfolio, which allows them to integrate knowledge gained from a variety of courses into a cohesive view of teaching.



Career Opportunities

Because the MSLT program exposes students to multiple disciplinary perspectives and combines three fields of second language teaching (foreign language education, dual-language immersion, and ESL/EFL education), it will enhance opportunities for employment by providing more versatility.

For example, an MSLT graduate could serve a school full time as an ESL specialist and as a foreign language teacher.

Financial Assistance

Teaching assistantships in ESL, French, German, Spanish, and occasionally other languages are available each year. Assistantships come with annual stipends and full or partial tuition awards covering out-of-state tuition and fees. Full scholarships, including a stipend and a complete tuition award, are available on a competitive basis.

USU

Located in Logan, Utah, USU is within an hour of three ski resorts and a half day's drive from six national parks, including Yellowstone National Park. Logan also offers a variety of arts and cultural activities, including live performances at the historic Ellen Eccles and Caine Lyric theaters.

USU is a Carnegie Doctoral/Research Extensive university and is one of the top 50 research institutions in the country.

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