# FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

## **New Graduate Course Proposal**

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#### **Course Title**

Course Title:	* Theory and Practice of Acquiring a Second Language			
Proposed Banner Abbreviation:	* Theo & Prac Acqrng Second Lang			

Banner limit of 30 characters, including punctuation, spaces, and special characters.

#### **Department/Committee Information**

The main contact person for the Graduate Curriculum Committee should fill out this form.

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### **Course Information**

#### Course Description

This course provides participants with an introduction to the field of second language acquisition (SLA) at different age and proficiency levels with a focus on factors and instructional approaches that directly impact the second language classroom. We will examine the World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Proficiency Descriptors as a starting point for setting goals for English learners (ELs) based on proficiency levels in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This course will explore the structural aspects of language learning as well as the profound influence of culture, socioeconomic background, and psycho-social factors on the acquisition process – and ultimately on academic learning. This course will provide information and insights into how to differentiate instruction based on these complex factors using a range of collaborative, self-reflective, and authentic activities in relationship to the principles of second language learning.

Rationale and expected outcomes of offering the Course

<sup>*</sup> This course is part of CES's ESL DESE-ap	proved licensure prog	ram.
Number of Credits: * 3		
Discipline Prefix or Prefixes:	* EDUC	Brief rationale if more than one prefix:
Level of Course:	* • 7000 • 8000 • 9000	Brief rationale for level choice:: <sup>*</sup> Introductory course in CES's ESL Licensure Program
The course will be:	<ul><li>☐ Requirement</li><li>☑ Elective</li></ul>	Elective or Requirement Note/Special:
Is there a similar undergraduate course?	* O Yes • No	
Does this course affect offerings in any other department or program?	* C Yes No	

#### **Course Enollment**

Expected Average Enrollment:		* 15-20	
This course is a replacement fo	r:	Course # / Name	EDUC 7044H, Topics: Theory and Practice of Acquiring a
Has the course been offered previously as a "Topics" course?		* • Yes © No	How often / when was it offered as a Topics course?
Is this an Extended Campus Co	ourse?	* • Yes • No	
Which semester will this course be offered for the first time?:		* Summer 2021	How often thereafter to be offered?: <sup>*</sup> 1-2 times per year
Course Requirements			
Prerequisite course(s) if any:	CES wil	ll monitor the course p	prerequisites.
Additional Requirements	Laborate	ory Hours:	Fieldwork Hours:
	Pre-Prac	ticum Hours: 2-4 ex	xperience Practicum Hours:
Other Requirements (specify):			
Syllabus Upload			
New Course Syllabus Upload:	EDUC	7044H Theory and Pra	ac of Acquiring Second Lang.pdf
Signatures			
Click on the <b>Submit Form</b> but You should receive an email co	ton at the nfirmatio	e bottom of the page n that your signature	after you have signed the form. has been completed.
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