Description
This MA program is designed for graduates in linguistics, philology, philosophy, psychology, translation and interpretation, and practicing language teachers and trainers who want to further their knowledge in the field of language acquisition in multilingual settings. The main goal of this MA program is to provide students with a strong knowledge base needed to carry out research on different topics in the language acquisition field. The academic program covers issues such as the different cognitive mechanisms involved in first (L1) and subsequent (L2, L3, Ln) language acquisition, similarities and differences between the two processes, the role that variables such as age, motivation, learning context and teaching methodologies play, and the different stages in the acquisition of a language (initial, developmental and ultimate attainment), among other issues. Students will become familiar with different research methodologies, experimental designs, data codification tools (CHILDES), statistical packages (SPSS), acoustic-phonetic analysis of speech and other techniques.

This program provides access to doctoral studies (Ph.D.) where students will have the opportunity to carry out research on different areas within research groups at the University of the Basque Country and with research collaborators at national and international institutions.

Why study with us?
This MA program with access to doctoral studies (Ph.D.) derives from the Interuniversity Ph.D. program on Applied Linguistics (UPV/EHU, UB, UIB, accredited by the Spanish Ministry of Education (Mención de Calidad, 2005-2008). Most of the staff responsible for the courses belongs to the Language and Speech research group (http://www.laslak.org), noted by the Basque Government for excellence in research. World-wide experts from different universities (Amsterdam, Durham, Essen, Genève, Hawai, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Reading, Toronto, UCL, among others) have been invited to collaborate in teaching and research activities throughout the years, thus providing both MA and Ph.D. students with first-hand opportunities to learn about the latest developments in the field of language acquisition. The program has established mobility agreements with several European universities and with the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). There is also an agreement with the Basque Center on Cognition, Brain and Language (http://www.bcbl.eu) in Donostia-San Sebastian, where students may get practical training in the use of behavioral and neuroscientific methodologies.
Key facts
European Credit Transfer System (ECTS): 60
1 year (full-time) student
2 years (part-time) student

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