Ph.D. in Literacy, Language and Culture



Embedded within a top ranked public university and designed for working professionals and full-time students alike, the Clemson Ph.D. in Literacy, Language and Culture program is offered through a HyFlex option, and can be completed through traditional face-to-face instruction or synchronous online instruction. Our in-person option offers courses via our main Clemson campus. Our synchronous online option provides students the chance to join our in-person courses virtually. Through the synchronous online option, students have the opportunity to develop relationships with peers and faculty and pursue the degree while maintaining their current employment and living situation.

About the Program

The Literacy, Language and Culture Program concentrates on issues related to learning about literacy and language in formal and informal settings such as schools, communities, and families. Some of the issues that can be explored within the Literacy, Language and Culture program include biliteracy and bilingualism, children's and young adult literacy, digital literacy, diversity and critical literacy, early literacy development, elementary literacy development, English education, literacy assessment, literacy in the disciplines, and writing. This program provides rich experiences and expertise of faculty and fellow students to provide a student-centered environment in which both groups engage in research, exploration, and inquiry.

Program Goals

Working with faculty, students design educational programs suited to their area of interest. Cognate strands in Literacy, Language and Culture include one of the following four focus areas: Language and Diversity, Digital and Disciplinary Literacy, Literacy Leadership or Early Literacy.



Apply Today!

The program admits students for fall entrance only. Please apply early to ensure consideration for an assistantship or University Fellowship. Visit clemson.edu/graduate/admissions to start your application.

Application deadlines are as follows:

January 15: Priority Application Deadline (for assistantship consideration)

April 15: Application deadline