

We want to partner with you!

Supporting Organizations and Cross-Cultural Workers

Who We Are

The Institute for Cross Cultural Training (ICCT) is a fully self-funded academic center at Wheaton College. We hold to the college's motto that our work is wholly "for Christ and His Kingdom." ICCT equips Christians called to global service with skills in cross-cultural communication, language learning, and English teaching so they can serve their communities effectively and professionally.

How We Can Help

We can meet your organization's training and education needs for pre-field and on-field workers in language and culture learning, ESL teaching, and practical training for leaders and directors on the field. We offer FREE consulting on procedures and policies for language and culture learning, consulting for ESL programs, and courses that equip cross-cultural workers. All of our courses are offered virtually at a variety of times throughout the year. We can offer cohorts and scheduling for your specific organization's needs.

Our programs include:

English Teacher Training

We offer 8 and 10-hour workshops and 30-hour courses in English as a second language (ESL) teaching for those working with English language learners around the world. Courses include ESL basics, grammar, pronunciation, teaching vocabulary, and teaching one-on-one. Prices vary; discounts available.

Cross-Cultural Living & Ministry

For new and seasoned workers, this course provides a framework, tools, and activities to learn the host culture's patterns and values through videos, readings, and weekly video calls with an instructor. \$500 (\$100 discount if taken with SLA course). 11 weeks, 2-3 hours/week OR 4-5 weeks, 6-8 hours/week.

Language Learner Training

We offer several courses to meet different learner and organizational needs and availability. Most courses are broken into three components:

- 1) **Foundations of Second Language Acquisition (SLA)**: An overall framework for language and culture learning, taught through videos, podcasts, readings, and application questions.
- 2) **Language Learning Techniques (LLT)**: Learning and putting into practice a variety of techniques to use with a language helper. Each participant meets one-on-one with an instructor to get feedback on Foundations and LLT assignments.
- 3) **Phonetics**: Short video lessons, individual practice drills, and one-on-one video calls with a phonetics instructor, all focused on the sound system of the target language.

Course	Intended for...	Time Commitment & Cost
SLA for Beginning Learners	Pre-field or new-to-field learners planning to minister in heart language for 3+ years	6 weeks, 15-20 hours/week 12 weeks, 7-10 hours/week; ~100 hours total. \$1250
SLA for Continuing Learners	Intermediate/advanced learners looking to advance in language proficiency	6 weeks, 15-20 hours/week 12 weeks, 7-10 hours/week; ~100 hours total. \$1250
Introduction to Language Learning	Pre-field or new-to-field learners planning to minister in English but needing language for daily life	3 weeks, 15-20 hours/week; 6 weeks, 7-10 hours/week; ~50 hours total. \$800
Jump-Start SLA	Pre-field or new-to-field learners with little time for language study or preparation.	1 week, 20 hours/week; 4 weeks, 5 hours/week; 20 hours total. \$300
Language Coaching Add-on	One year of on-field individual and group coaching calls. Add on to any course.	1-3 hours per month. \$400

Language Coaching Courses

Four fully online non-credit courses equip coaches and field leaders with practical preparation for helping cross-cultural workers to become more successful language and culture learners. Courses: Foundations, Listen Up and Speak Out: Helping Learners Develop Oral Skills, Learner Assessment, Coaching Learners for Ministry Language. Participants are not required to be online at specific hours or on specific days. 10-15 modules per course, over 5 weeks. \$300-\$325.

Advantages of Working with ICCT

- **Location:** Take the course from anywhere in the world; no travel required, just a reliable internet connection.
- **Cost:** Compared to traditional, in-person programs that include travel and room and board costs, our programs are quite cost-effective.
- **Flexibility:** Participants can schedule study times and one-on-one meetings when it is convenient for them.
- **Individualized assignments:** Unlike a large-group class, our learning experiences are tailored to individual student needs. We use podcasts, videos, readings, discussion boards, reflection questions and video calls to keep participants engaged and use their time wisely.
- **Focus on the target language:** Our courses help participants bridge the gap between general language training and on-field practical learning experiences for a strong focus on the target language to be learned. Phonetics instruction is also focused on the target language.
- **Unlimited free email support:** We give unlimited, free email support to all those who go through our SLA program. Our goal is to "be there" through each step of the on-field language and culture learning process. While this is very labor-intensive on our part, it has proved to be a tremendous help to those who need ongoing guidance and encouragement, and so we have come to see this as a very important part of our ministry. We are also available to agency administrators who are dealing with issues related to the language and culture learning of their on-field personnel.

ICCT and Your Organization

We would love to talk to you about how we can support your organization's goals and together fulfill the Great Commission. Contact our director, Dr. Natalie Mullen Leisher, at icct@wheaton.edu for a free language policy consultation, information on our programs, and the next steps in how we can customize them to meet your needs.

"I feel like my toolbox is full of all sorts of tools to pull out and use. I definitely can't use the excuse, 'but I don't know where to begin.' This class has given me SO MANY places to start, especially giving me a jump start on understanding what it will be like to work with a language helper." - SLA course participant