

# We want to partner with you!

*Supporting Sending 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 donation-based 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 instructors all have significant cross-cultural experience and at least a master's degree in their fields. You can learn more about our team [here](#).

## Language Learner Training

For those learning a new language, we offer several fully online, asynchronous courses with flexible pacing to meet different learner and organizational needs and availability. Each course includes these 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. Modules cover key principles of language acquisition and learners' own learning preferences.

2) Language Learning Techniques (LLT): Learning and putting into practice a variety of tools and 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**. Students have general phonetics lessons to learn about how sounds are produced with both independent and instructor-led practice, as well as specific phonetics lessons targeting the sound system of the language they are learning. (Yes, we can help students learning more than one language, as well!)

*"The Wheaton SLA course has given our staff not just the necessary vision that they can and should learn a second language to a high proficiency level, but it has also given them the practical tools and guidance to make that dream a reality...we are seeing measurable and noticeable results on the field. With the help of...ICCT, we are confident that our new international staff are now being equipped with the **most comprehensive SLA training** for cross-cultural ministry that is available anywhere." ~ A Language Learning Director*

Language Acquisition Course	Intended for...	Time & Cost
<a href="#"><u>SLA for Beginning Learners</u></a>	Pre-field or new-to-field learners planning to minister in heart language for 3+ years. 12 modules covering language learning foundations, techniques, and phonetics for beginners.	6 weeks, 15-20 hours/week or 12 weeks, 7-10 hours/week; ~100 hours total. \$1300
<a href="#"><u>SLA for Continuing Learners</u></a>	Intermediate/advanced learners looking to advance in language proficiency. 12 modules covering language learning foundations, techniques, and phonetics for intermediate and advanced learners.	6 weeks, 15-20 hours/week or 12 weeks, 7-10 hours/week; ~100 hours total. \$1300
<a href="#"><u>Introduction to Language Learning</u></a>	Pre-field or new-to-field learners planning to minister in English but needing language for daily life. 12 modules covering language learning foundations and phonetics for beginning learners.	3 weeks, 15-20 hours/week or 6 weeks, 7-10 hours/week; ~50 hours total. \$850
<a href="#"><u>Jump-Start SLA</u></a>	Pre-field or new-to-field learners with little time for language study or preparation. 5 modules covering language learning foundations and a brief overview of phonetics.	Self-paced: 1 week, 25 hours/week or 5 weeks, 5 hours/week; ~25 hours total. \$450
<a href="#"><u>Language Coaching Add-on</u></a>	One year of on-field individual and group coaching calls. Add on to any course. Only available for those who have completed one of our other SLA courses.	1-3 hours per month. \$500

## Language Coaching Courses

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 through videos, readings, forums, and application questions. Offered in set sessions throughout the year, though additional times may be available upon request. Participants are not required to be online at specific hours or on specific days.

Course	Content	Time & Cost
<a href="#"><u>Foundations of Language Coaching</u></a>	10 modules covering the essentials of language coaching. This is a required prerequisite for our other coaching courses.	5 weeks, 4 hours/week. \$300
<a href="#"><u>Listen Up and Speak Out</u></a>	15 modules helping coaches make a framework and practical suggestions for improving the oral component of their language programs.	4 weeks, 6 hours/week, \$325
<a href="#"><u>Learner Assessment</u></a>	15 modules helping coaches create various types of assessments and portfolios to help learners track their progress.	4 weeks, 6 hours/week, \$325
<b>Coaching Learners for Ministry Language</b>	Equips coaches with step-by-step approaches for learning worship and ministry tasks in the heart language.	This course is coming soon!

*"Over the past two decades our friends at ICCT have come alongside and equipped literally hundreds of [organization's] coaches and learners. Their in-person and online learning options are second-to-none, **providing our coaches and new arrivals outstanding training at just the right time.** And they do this with the Great Commission in mind, truly serving and blessing those who are called to go..." ~ A Lead Culture and Language Specialist*

# English Teacher Training

We offer workshops and courses in English as a second language (ESL) teaching for those working with English language learners around the world. Our instructors have decades of experience and offer personal support to participants. All courses are offered synchronously (at the same time) via Zoom and occur on a biannual rotation, though they may also be offered at different times by special request. Some courses may be taken for college credit. Prices vary; discounts available.

<u><b>One-Day (8 Hour) Workshops</b></u>	
<b>Basics of ESL Teaching 101*</b>	Focus on the foundational principles of language teaching and learning, conducting needs analyses, and lesson planning
<b>Basics of ESL Teaching 102*</b>	Focus on teaching oral skills: pronunciation, conversation, speaking, and listening
<b>Basics of ESL Teaching 103*</b>	Focus on teaching grammar, working with literacy/low-level learners, assessing learners' progress, and selecting materials
<i>Note: The Basics 101, 102, and 103 workshops may be combined with additional work for a 30-hour Reach Out With English certificate.</i>	
<b>Essentials of Teaching Vocabulary 401</b>	Focus on basic principles of vocabulary teaching and learning as well as effective practices for incorporating vocabulary into instruction, teaching idioms and slang, and using ESL dictionaries
<b>Essentials of One-to-One Teaching 402</b>	Focus on the differences between teaching one-on-one and in groups, including doing a needs analysis and lesson planning, as well as running a private tutoring business

## English Teaching Courses

*These courses are offered on alternating years in 10-week sessions, with one three-hour meeting per week.*

### Essentials of Teaching English Pronunciation

Focus on gaining the skills necessary to diagnose errors and assist learners in improving their listening and production of the various elements of the English language.

### Essentials of Teaching English Grammar

Focus on explaining the English grammar system and growing in ability to explain it clearly

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## Cross-Cultural Living & Ministry Course

For new and seasoned workers, [this course](#) provides a framework, tools, and activities to learn **each student's target culture's** patterns and values through videos, readings, and **weekly one-on-one video calls with an experienced instructor**. Topics include culture shock, orientations towards time, tasks, and crises, honor and shame, status vs. achievement, and more. Students are also guided in completing a culture practicum with a culture helper.

\$550 (\$100 discount if taken with SLA course). 11 weeks, 2-3 hours/week OR 4-5 weeks, 6-8 hours/week.

*"This class has been **informative, encouraging, and stretching**. I found there was much in it that I had casually considered or thought on but little I had put much time and effort into understanding, especially understanding the **whys behind the cultural beliefs**. Whether the knowledge was new or refreshment of what I'd previously learned, I found taking the approach of looking at me first and then at [my future host culture] quite helpful to prepare for potential conflicts and expectations." ~ past CCLM student*

## 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 SLA 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 ongoing support:** We give unlimited, free support to all those who go through our SLA and culture courses. 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](mailto:icct@wheaton.edu) for a language policy consultation, information on our programs, and the next steps in how we can customize them to meet your needs. These services are offered on a donation basis.