SLST S632: Current Research in SLA

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S632 Current Research in SLA typically examines three main issues in current SLA research in detail. The course will be organized around three of the following topics in second language acquisition:

Attrition
Tense and Aspect
Conventional expressions
Formulas in L2 Acquisition
Pragmatics

Students will lead a discussion, present their research, and write an original research paper for the course. Student projects may reflect course topics or individual interest, approved by the instructor. Issues of theory, research design, analysis will be discussed for each topic.

PhD students typically continue to the second semester seminar, S711, in which they can pursue advanced study in their area of research.

S632 may be taken by interested advanced MA students (or PhD students) as a single course.

Prerequisite: SLST S532 (Second Language Acquisition) or the equivalent; permission of the instructor.

SLST-S632 and S711 when taken together count as the two seminar courses for SLS PhD requirements.