

A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Literacy, Language and Learning (L3)

L3 at the University of Utah prepares graduates to be researchers and innovators in advancing literacy, language, and learning at the preK-12 level.

Contact Us: Program Director, Dr. Claire Son literacy@utah.edu

Program Overview

We offer our doctoral program as a full-time or part-time program to accommodate a variety of work schedules and professionals at different career stages. Full-time students can complete all 71 program credits in 4 years. Applications are rolling-based, and students accepted into the program can start during the fall or spring semester.



Research-Based Learning and Opportunities

Our doctoral program is research oriented. You'll receive training in and engage in research related to reading, writing, and language teaching and learning. We offer you rigorous basic and field-based research opportunities and the chance to apply research in real-world education settings. You'll be part of interdisciplinary discussions and studies aimed at solving pressing issues in literacy education, both inside and outside preK-12 classrooms.

We are Passionate About Literacy

We take a comprehensive approach to the research and advancement of literacy. Focus areas include:

- Early and Emergent Literacy Development
- Reading/Writing Development & Difficulties
- Language Processes
- Reading Instruction and Intervention
- Children's and Young Adult's Literature
- Motivation and Engagement
- Literacy in School and Community Settings



