Optional Ph.D. Emphasis in Language, Interaction, and Social Organization

Students pursuing a Ph.D. in the Departments of Education, Linguistics, or Sociology may petition the department to add an interdisciplinary emphasis in Language, Interaction, and Social Organization (LISO). This emphasis draws upon three approaches: interactional functional linguistics, conversation analysis, and sociocultural linguistic analysis. In addition to the emphasis requirements below, students must satisfy the requirements for the Ph.D. in their home department. Work in satisfaction of departmental Ph.D. requirements may also be used to satisfy emphasis requirements.

The emphasis requires:

1. Three quarters of Education/Linguistics/Sociology 274, Proseminar in Language, Interaction, and Social Organization, for credit;
2. Three elective LISO courses:
   a. one course from each of the student’s non-home departments (choose from Education 202A, 202E, 207, 209A 221A, 221B, 221G, 224A, 224B, 270G, or 270H; Linguistics 201, 209, 212, 214, 217, 227, 228, 230, 232, 233, 237, 254A, 258A 266, 273A; Sociology 212R, 236, 236I, 236V, 242, 273A); and
   b. a designated methods course in any of the three departments (choose from Education 221A, 221B, 221G, 224A, 224B; Linguistics 212, 230, 273A; Sociology 212R, 236V, 273A).
3. One presentation in Ed/Ling/Soc 274, which may be either a research paper or a guided data session;
4. A research project which must be supervised by at least one participating faculty member. This requirement can be satisfied in either of two ways:
   a. Completion of a paper reporting a post-M.A. research project which presents an analysis of interactional data and displays command of the relevant literature. It must be written up in publishable form, though actual publication is not a requirement; or
   b. Successfully defend a dissertation centrally addressed to questions concerning language, interaction, and social organization; at least one member of the student’s qualifying examination and dissertation committee must be a faculty member affiliated with LISO.

Questions or requests for additional information may be directed either to a participating faculty member or to LISO, c/o the Department of Sociology, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA 93106. For further information, please visit www.liso.ucsb.edu.