CERTIFICATE IN IMMIGRANT LITERACIES

The Certificate in Immigrant Literacies is designed to provide academic training in the study of language, literacies, and the immigrant experience. The program integrates community service learning to enable certificate students to integrate their professional expertise and cross-disciplinary thinking with meaningful civic action.

Admissions Requirements and Application Process

All applicants must submit the following to the English Department:

• a short personal statement which outlines the applicants’ interests in immigrant language and literacy issues;
• transcript, (official transcripts from all previous colleges attended; unofficial transcript from current program);
• current vita or résumé;
• names and contact information for TWO references. (provide name, job title or relationship, address, phone number); and
• evidence of completion of the University’s Level I written English proficiency requirement;
• for non-matriculated students only: documentation of a passing score on the Analytical Writing section of the GRE or GMAT; or a 3–4 page academic writing sample (e.g. research paper, grant proposal, publication).

For matriculated graduate students in TESOL:
Evidence of completion of the written English proficiency requirement is determined based on a satisfactory evaluation of the student’s Statement of Purpose, submitted to the department as part of the student’s original application to the MA TESOL program.
For matriculated graduate students in other departments: Students should check the requirements as stipulated by their program area.

Immigrant Literacies Certificate — 12 units

| ENG 735   | Community Based Curriculum Development 3 |
| ENG 736   | Seminar in Teaching ESL in the Community |
| ENG 832   | Seminar in Immigrant Literacies and Community-Based Projects 3 |

Select one course from the following: 3

| AA S 833 | Seminar: Asian American Family and Identity |
| AA S 875 | Asian American Community Health Issues |
| ETHS 710 | Theories and Issues in Ethnic Studies |
| H ED 810 | Public Health and Principles of Community Organizing |
| H ED 835 | Public Health Policy |

OR other graduate-level SF State course related to the topic of immigrant literacies and civic engagement (with approval of advisor).

Capstone 3

Independent Study, e.g., ENG 899 for MA TESOL students; H ED 899 for Master of Public Health students; ETHS 750: Ethnic Community Practicum for Ethnic Studies students; or equivalent graduate-level community service-learning course (with approval of advisor).

Out-of-state and international students are welcome to apply to the program. For applicants whose native language is not English: a recent internet-based TOEFL (IBT) score of 95, with an essay rating of 24. Applicants who do not meet the minimum TOEFL requirement will NOT be admitted; there is NO conditional admission. A TOEFL score of 95 is considered to be very minimal; applicants who demonstrate stronger English proficiency with a higher TOEFL score (and higher essay rating) will have a better chance of being admitted.