

INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE EMPHASIS IN
LANGUAGE, INTERACTION, AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION
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University of California, Santa Barbara

Student Name: _____ Perm: _____

EMPHASIS IN LANGUAGE, INTERACTION, AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATION (LISO) – 2025-26

Students pursuing a Ph.D. in the Department of Communication, the Department of Education, the Department of Linguistics, and the Department of Sociology may add an interdisciplinary emphasis in Language, Interaction, and Social Organization (LISO). Candidates pursuing the LISO Emphasis must also fulfill the departmental and university requirements related to their degree program. Work in satisfaction of departmental Ph.D. requirements may be used to satisfy emphasis requirements.

LISO faculty and graduate students conduct research on language use and other communicative action in their naturally occurring contexts with a special appreciation for the importance of those immediate, interactional contexts for understanding human conduct. This emphasis draws upon multiple approaches, including conversation analysis, interactional functional linguistics, language socialization, and sociocultural linguistic analysis. The emphasis can be added by submitting this petition to the LISO coordinators, and a [Change of Degree Status Petition](#) to the Graduate Division and by meeting the requirements specified below.

REQUIRED COURSES			
A minimum of three quarters of the LISO Proseminar.			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
EDUC/LING/SOC 274	Proseminar in Language, Interaction, and Social Organization		
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Completion of at least two LISO approved courses. Each course should be from a <i>different</i> department, and must <i>not</i> include a course from the student's home department. Choose from COMM 228; EDUC 202A, 202B, 207, 209A, 210D, 221A, 221D, 224A, 224B, 270H; LING 212, 214, 217, 227, 228, 230, 232, 233, 237, 254A, 258A, 273A; and SOC 212R, 236, 236C, 236I, 236V, 273A			
COURSE #	COURSE NAME	UNITS	GRADE
One designated LISO methods course in any of the four departments, including the student's home department. Choose from COMM 280, EDUC 221A, 221D, 224A, 224B; LING 212, 230, 273A; SOC 212R, 236, 236C, 236V, 273A			
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RESEARCH PRESENTATION
One presentation in the LISO Proseminar (EDUC/LING/SOC 274), which may be either a research paper or a guided data session.
Requirement satisfied: _____ Quarter presented: _____

CAPSTONE REQUIREMENT

A research project that must be supervised by at least one LISO 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 that presents an analysis of interactional data and displays command of the relevant literature. It must be written in publishable form, though actual publication is not a requirement.
- b) Successfully defending 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.

Project title: _____

Supervising LISO faculty member: _____

Requirement satisfied: ☐

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 <http://www.liso.ucsb.edu>.

VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION

EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS SATISFIED (DATE): _____

EMPHASIS ADVISOR SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____