

1. Topic (subject matter; area of study):

The topic of my 499 directed research in the Summer Study Abroad program in Annecy, France would be to experience and document the process of my second language acquisition and assimilative bilingualism in a francophone country.

2. Goal (what is to be accomplished):

By the end of my six-week stay in France (four weeks through the program and two weeks for recreational purposes with my mother) I will have accumulated valuable experiences and observations about the process of second language acquisition through immersion in a generally monolingual environment.

3. Relation to total BA program and/or to career/academic goals:

This 499 directly relates to my BA program in Second Language Studies due to its nature of bilingualism, second language acquisition, and active study of the processes of bilingualism through immersion.

4. Outline of steps to be taken to achieve above goal(s), with time schedule:

During my six week stay, I will keep a journal with my observations of key topics and concepts that we learn about in the SLS at UH Manoa classroom, as they come into effect in the real world, as well as in my language classes at the Institute Français des Alpes (the language institute in France). I will also document my experiences socially as well as educationally, and how all experiences factor in to second language acquisition.

5. Brief description of the final product (e.g., a report, card file, website, etc.):

I will use the journal, and other documentation of my experiences, to write a reflection of the process of my second language acquisition in a French immersion program in a francophone country. I will write a ten page academic report documenting my observations of the use of communicative strategies, and learning strategies as a second language learner in a native speaker environment. I will pair this with the journal entries and blog entries that I make during my stay in Annecy, to create a comprehensive compilation of academic, social, and professional interactions that I carry out during my stay in Annecy, France. My report will be the final product of my 499 program in France.