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**Education for Cultural  
and Linguistic Diversity  
(ECLD) Minor**

(Photo: Andy Duback)

## Education for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity (ECLD)

The increasing ethnic and linguistic diversity of our society creates opportunities and challenges that impact schools, communities, and workplaces.

**The ECLD minor is open to all UVM students** who want to gain the critical knowledge and skills necessary to work successfully in our multicultural world.

### BENEFITS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Enhanced cross-cultural communication skills and culturally responsive practices
- Experience working with ELL (English Language Learner) communities
- Appreciation and understanding of cultural and linguistic diversity
- Awareness of the intersection of immigration and educational policies
- Exploration of language delivery models
- Learning the benefits of family, school, and community partnerships
- Understanding of migration and transnationalism

*"I am learning a lot of new information about refugee families in my coursework, and ways that I can better collaborate with families who may have language barriers."*  
– Mikayla LeBlanc ('19)

#### Did you know?

- ⇒ Immigrants and their U.S.-born children number approximately 81 million people, or 26% of the population.
- ⇒ English language learners (ELLs) are the fastest-growing student population in the country – nearly 1 in 10 students in public schools is an ELL.



*"The classes are really interesting, learning about diversity and different cultures, I once was an ELL student, and I love traveling and learning about different cultures."*  
– Julia Salo ('19)

## TWO PATHWAYS FOR UVM STUDENTS

### CORE COURSES (9 credits)

- EDTE 056 (D1) Language Policy, Race, & School
- EDTE 102/202\* Bilingual Education & Policy  
\*Undergraduate students take EDTE 102
- EDTE 205 Home, School, & Community Collaboration

#### Choose Your Pathway:

**PATHWAY 1 (12 credits)** is for **Education majors** pursuing an additional teaching certification in their licensure program to work with English language learner students (ELLs). Required coursework includes a practicum working in a local school. Students learn to address cultural and language learning needs, create culturally responsive lessons and curriculum, understand distinctions between language-based disabilities and language needs, and navigate state policies and program planning for ELL students.

**PATHWAY 2 (9 credits)** is for **all UVM majors** who want to develop cultural competency skills working with culturally and linguistically diverse communities in a variety of professional and community settings. Interdisciplinary coursework includes a variety of electives from these fields of interest:

- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Cultural Anthropology
- Higher Education
- Human Development
- Linguistics
- Social Work
- Sociology

*"I chose to minor in ECLD because I lived overseas and have an appreciation for other cultures. I also want to make their transition to the U.S. as easy as possible."*  
– Marshall Murphy ('20)

\*Some classes will fulfill D1 and D2 requirements for students.

