How Children in Developing Countries Learn to Read

Why this course?
This course is intended to help early grade reading project personnel understand the basics of early grade reading and apply key concepts to their own context. The goal is to help participants to:

- Develop an understanding of how children acquire and improve reading skills
- Consider the factors that support learning
- Articulate the rationale for investing in early grade reading (EGR)
- Consider the importance of language of instruction in learning how to read
- Find, read and analyze EGR initiatives that have happened in their country or region
- Engage with practitioners from around the world who are or will be involved in EGR
- Understand assessments of EGR, including the Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA)
- Articulate the ways in which learning to read can be complemented by learning to write
- Design a country profile for early grade reading.

Who is the instructor?
The instructor for this 12-week online course is Dr. Rebecca Stone, adjunct professor in International Education. Dr. Stone has worked on early grade reading projects for over 11 years, and she specializes in mother tongue-based multilingual education.

How do I register?
Participants can register for this course through UMass Amherst Continuing & Professional Education. Tuition for this 3-credit course is currently $474 per credit, or $1,422. There is also a $47 non-refundable registration fee. Prerequisites: a bachelor’s degree and English skills equivalent to 80 or above on the TOEFL IBT (Note: You do NOT need to submit TOEFL scores).

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Registration opens on March 12, 2018

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING

You can register for these courses through SPIRE, the student information system for the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

1. **Create a student account.** Go to [spire.umass.edu](http://spire.umass.edu). On the right hand menu, under **Apply/References**, click on **Non-Degree Enrollment Application**. Read the information and click “Continue”. Fill out the online form. (Note: although there is a field for Social Security number, you do **NOT** need a Social Security number to apply – just leave that field blank). You will receive an email with your NetID and password (this may take up to 3 days.)

2. **Get an enrollment appointment.** Once you have received your NetID and password, you can log in to SPIRE ([spire.umass.edu](http://spire.umass.edu)). Go to **Main Menu > Enrollment > Summer/Wntr/Non-degr Enroll Appt** and follow the instructions. (NOTE: It can take 1-2 days for SPIRE to recognize your NetID, so if you do not see these screens, try again the next day.)

3. **Register for the class.** The enrollment appointment should be available immediately. Go to **Main Menu > Enrollment > Add Classes**.
   a. Search for the class:

   *How Children in Developing Countries Learn to Read*

   **Class number: 60925**

   Course number: EDUC 680

   b. Add the class to your “Shopping Cart”, then select the class from the Cart to “Enroll”.

**NOTE:** **Space is limited**, so please register now to reserve your place.

Feel free to pass along this flyer to others who may be interested in taking the course. Thank you!

**How do I get more information?**

Email us: [egrcert@umass.edu](mailto:egrcert@umass.edu)


See our [Frequently Asked Questions](http://blogs.umass.edu/egrcert/faqs)