TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL) GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

This certificate program prepares professionals with various backgrounds to teach English to speakers of other languages. Graduate TESOL certificates are recognized around the world as advanced-level professional preparation in the field. There is a global demand for certified instructors and teachers, as 1.6 billion people speak English as a first, second, or third language.

The graduate TESOL certificate is earned as part of students' work in the MA in language teaching. The certificate program is also beneficial for those seeking to expand the professional applications of other degrees and credentials or for individuals in related business enterprises (e.g., language institutes, English training in commercial settings).

Advising Requirement

Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

Course Requirements for the Certificate

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this certificate.

Course	Title	Units
EDSL 610	Second/Foreign Language Teaching Methodology for Beginning Learners	3
EDSL 620	Second/Foreign Language Teaching Methodology for Intermediate Learners	3
EDSL 630	Teaching Second Language Writing	3
EDSL 633	Foreign/Second Language Teaching: The Cultural Dimension	3
EDSL 635	Current Research and Developments in Foreign/Second Language Education	3
EDSL 689	Internship [1]	3
Total Units		**18**

[1] Must be taken for three units.

Additional Program Information

1. Advising is required. Students may not complete more than nine units toward the graduate TESOL certificate before applying for admission to the program. No more than three units of transfer work are allowed.
2. A grade point average of 3.0 on all coursework within the program, with no grade below a B-, is required.
3. Students intending to complete the MA in language teaching concurrently should meet with the Graduate Coordinator upon application to the graduate TESOL certificate program. Admission to the certificate program does not necessarily qualify students for admission to the language teaching or any other graduate program. Students may, however, apply coursework from the graduate TESOL certificate toward the MA in language teaching, consistent with program and University policies and procedures.

Admission

There are no course prerequisites for admission to this certificate program and the GRE is not required. However, to qualify for admission to the program, students must meet all University and departmental standards, policies, and procedures, including:

1. An acceptable bachelor's degree.
2. An undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 in the last 60 units.
3. An application on file with Graduate Studies.
4. A TOEFL score of at least 550 (213 on the computer-based test) for speakers of other languages with less than three years of successful, full-time study in an English-speaking country; an essay rating of at least 4.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. Approval by the graduate TESOL Program Coordinator. Students must file an approved certificate program plan upon admission.