

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES, GRADUATE/ PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

Admissions to the Teaching English To Speakers of Other Languages Graduate/Professional Certificate have been suspended as of fall 2025 and will be discontinued as of fall 2030. If you have any questions, please contact the department.

English is now the international language of the world, indispensable for those working in business and the professions, science and technology, and virtually all fields of education. The demand for learning English continues to be high in almost every region of the world; in addition, there continues to be a large number of immigrants in the United States who require instruction in English as a second language. The need for qualified teachers of English to speakers of other languages, both for adults and for school-age children, remains urgent. Since 1968, the Department of English, through its Programs in English Linguistics, has offered a certificate in TESOL designed to provide academic and pedagogical preparation for prospective ESL/EFL teachers.

A Certificate in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) is offered as a graduate version and undergraduate version (including University Special students who have completed an undergraduate degree) for those who wish to teach English as a foreign or second language, normally in positions abroad.