

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES, CERTIFICATE

A certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is available to undergraduate students who wish to teach English as a second language, normally in positions abroad.

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Fill out the online application and submit to the ESL office. Students should apply as early as possible (after the sophomore year if they are undergraduates) to allow enough time to complete the requirements.

Download the **Undergraduate Application**.

Academic requirements for the program are:

For Undergraduates: Enrollment in any one of the required certificate courses and a degree program at UW–Madison.

Native English speakers must show completion of four college-level semesters of one language (prior to or completed concurrently with certificate coursework).

Nonnative English speakers are required to show English language proficiency in the following ways:

- A minimum score of 50 on TSE or SPEAK or an iBy score of 26 on the speaking section of the TOEFL
- A minimum score of 100 on the TOEFL iBT or 600 on the paper-based version of the TOEFL or 7 on the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) can be substituted for the TOEFL.

REQUIREMENTS

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15 credits of course work include:

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Courses		
ENGL 314	Structure of English	3
ENGL 415	Introduction to TESOL Methods	3
Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Courses		
ENGL 318	Second Language Acquisition	3
ENGL 515	Techniques and Materials for TESOL	3
Students must take 3 credits of TESOL Workshops.		3

ENGL 613	TESOL: Pedagogical Grammar I
ENGL 614	TESOL: Pedagogical Grammar II
ENGL 615	TESOL: Teaching Listening and Speaking
ENGL 616	TESOL: Teaching of Reading
ENGL 617	TESOL: Teaching of Writing
ENGL 618	TESOL: Teaching Pronunciation

Total Credits

15

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- Minimum 3.000 GPA in all courses approved for the certificate
- At least 8 certificate credits must be completed in residence

UNDERGRADUATE/SPECIAL STUDENT CERTIFICATES

This certificate may be completed within the context of an undergraduate degree or as a Special student after an undergraduate degree has been awarded from any institution. The certificate may be completed in its entirety while enrolled as a Special student. Candidates are encouraged to contact the certificate coordinator to discuss course enrollment and the sequencing of certificate requirements.

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1. Demonstrate knowledge in the historical trends in the field, the theoretical underpinnings and the role of English in society and as an international language.
2. Become familiar with the sound and grammatical systems of English.
3. Understand and apply basic principles in the teaching of reading, writing, listening and speaking.
4. Understand the principles of second language acquisition.
5. Construct and execute well-crafted lesson plans.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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Undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Certificate can contact asktesol@english.wisc.edu for general advising issues.

For current certificate students, please contact Joseph Nosek, TESOL Program Advisor (joseph.nosek@wisc.edu) or Vivian Ye, TESOL Program Coordinator (jye83@wisc.edu).

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience,

and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try “Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them,” (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW–Madison students