

Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language

Certificates may be earned by regularly matriculated or extended learning students and denote successful completion of a prescribed program of study designed to:

1. impart specified professional/vocational/career competencies; or
2. produce mastery of the content of a sub-field of an academic major (discipline); or
3. provide exposure to the range of materials in a traditional or emerging interdisciplinary field.

Certain certificate programs contain 6000-level courses as requirements and/or electives. These 6000-level courses may not be taken by undergraduate students. Candidates must receive two-thirds of their certificate-applicable credit from the university. The transferring of credit or the substitution of courses may occur only after application to the appropriate campus authority.

The Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language allows students to gain expertise in this area of teaching and is often a necessary qualification for teaching English as a foreign language overseas and for teaching English as a second language in intensive language programs in the United States.

Students must earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 in their TESL Certificate coursework in order to be granted the certificate. Students must finish their TESL Certificate coursework within seven years.

Certificate Requirements (18 units)

ENG 3110	Introduction to Linguistics	3
ENG 3220	English Grammar	3
ENG 6260	TESL Methods	3
Three units chosen from:		3
ENG 3320	Second Language Acquisition	
ENG 6190	Multilingualism and Second Language Acquisition	
Six units chosen from:		6
ENG 5230	Grammar and Discourse	
ENG 5240	Sociolinguistics	
ENG 5260	Phonetics and Phonology	
ENG 5270	Studies in Language and Linguistics	
ENG 6050	Special Topics in Applied Linguistics & TESL	
ENG 6150	Discourse, Cognition, and Society	
Total Units		18