

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TESL

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This program is intended for both native and non-native speakers of English who seek training in the teaching of English as a second language (ESL) and wish to obtain an initial qualification to teach ESL/EFL (English as a foreign language) in educational settings other than public schools in Ohio or in countries outside the United States. For Ohio qualification in teaching ESL in the Ohio public school system, see the TESOL Endorsement requirements in this Bulletin under the College of Education. The program is designed to introduce the student to central issues in the theory and practice of teaching English to non-native speakers through courses in modern and applied linguistics, in second language pedagogy, and in related disciplines.

Students who do not have English as a native language must demonstrate adequate proficiency in English with a valid TOEFL score of 550 (paper based)/213 (computer based)/79 (Internet based/iBT) or higher, or a valid IELTS score of 6.0 or higher.

The awarding of this certificate is not contingent upon completion of a degree program. Undergraduate certificate programs require a 2.00 grade-point average. Students admitted with an undergraduate status are required to take 3300:111 English Composition I and 3300:112 English Composition II prior to applying for the certificate. All students who wish to pursue the TESL certificate should meet with the program director to discuss the program and availability of courses. This certificate requires the completion of a minimum of 18 credit hours of course work, including five core courses and one elective course.

Core Courses

3300:371 Introduction to Linguistics	3
or	
3300:476 Linguistics and Language Arts	3
3300:473 Theoretical Foundations and Principles of ESL*	3
3300:478 Grammatical Structures of English	3
5500:487 Techniques for Teaching English as a Second Language	4
3300:477 Sociolinguistics	3
or	
3300:480 Learner English	3

Electives**

3300:491 Practicum: Teaching Second Language Learners	3
3300:470 History of the English Language	3
3300:472 Syntax	3
3300:489 Special Topics: Sociolinguistics	3
3580:405 Spanish Linguistics	4
5500:485 Teaching Language Literacy to Second Language Learners	4
7600:325 Intercultural Communication	3
7700:230 Language Science and Acquisition	4
7700:430 Aspects of Normal Language Development	3

* Students should have successfully completed 3300:476 prior to taking this course.

** Choice to be decided in consultation with the program director.

To apply for the certificate, students should fill out the Add Certificate form with the certificate director. When students have successfully completed the certificate requirements, they must come to the department to complete a certificate application form with the certificate director.