

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), Certificate

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Do you have an interest in languages and people? Are you interested in making an impact locally and globally? Gain valuable teaching experience and prepare for a variety of jobs that give you opportunities to see the world.

Description

The teaching English to speakers of other languages certificate program consists of key courses that provide students with the practical skills and confidence necessary to teach English as a second or foreign language anywhere in the world. This certificate can be added to any degree program and includes a supervised internship to gain valuable hands-on experience before graduation.

This certificate does not certify students to teach in Arizona public schools (K-12).

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate program in teaching English as a second language requires 18 credit hours, of which 12 must be completed at the upper-division level. At least six credit hours must be completed from courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Each course must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

Core -- 6 credit hours

ENG 213: Introduction to the Study of Language (SOBE OR SB) (3)

ENG 484: TESOL Internship (3)

Theory/Methods -- 6 credit hours

ENG 404: Studies in Second Language Acquisition (6)

Notes: ENG 404 is repeatable for credit and must be completed twice.

Linguistics Electives -- 6 credit hours

Choose one course from each group below.

Group 1:

ENG 403: Semantics (3)

ENG 404: Studies in Second Language Acquisition (3)

ENG 414: Studies in Linguistics (3)

Group 2:

ENG 214: English Grammar and Usage (3)

ENG 312: English in its Social Setting (SOBE OR L or HU or SB) (3)

ENG 313: Phonology and Morphology (3)

ENG 314: Modern Grammar (3)

ENG 413: History of English Language (HU) (3)

Course substitutions may be used with approval of an academic advisor in the Department of English before enrollment.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

Requests to declare this certificate are reviewed by the academic advisor in the academic unit offering the certificate. Students may be contacted to discuss the certificate prior to the addition of the certificate to the student record.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Language expertise (linguistic knowledge): Graduates of the undergraduate certificate program in TESOL will be able to recall and explain structural and functional features of human language.
- Language learning and use expertise (L2-specific knowledge): Graduates of the undergraduate certificate program in TESOL will be able to recall and explain theories, research and key concepts in first and second language use and learning.
- Teaching expertise (pedagogical knowledge): Graduates of the undergraduate certificate program in TESOL will be able to recall and explain key concepts, theories and methods in second language (L2) teaching and will be able to develop teaching and learning materials.
- Real world expertise (context-specific knowledge and application): Graduates of the undergraduate certificate program in TESOL will be able to apply theories and key concepts in (a) language studies, (b) L2 use and learning, and (c) L2 teaching to real-world contexts (e.g., language teaching, materials development, or related professional practices).

Career opportunities

The TESOL certificate is useful for students interested in careers in this increasingly important field. It also serves as excellent preparation for students wishing to pursue graduate studies in the Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages program at ASU or in a similar program at another institution.

Students who combine this TESOL certificate with their major program of study may become more marketable to employers.

Students who complete this undergraduate certificate often decide to pursue employment in teaching abroad. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

Contact information

[Schedule an advisor appointment](#)

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