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Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Certificate Option B

Program Goals

Prepare graduate students who want to teach ESL writing at the college level.

Program of Study

All units must be completed in residence at Sacramento State with a grade of B or better.

Required courses (15 units)

- English 110A (Linguistics and the English Language)
- English 110P (Second Language Learning and Teaching)
- English 110Q (Grammar for ESL Teachers)
- English 215B (ESL Writing)
- English 410B (ESL Internship)

Electives (3 units)

Select one of the following:

- English 200E (Curriculum and Assessment Design for Language Classrooms)
- English 210C (Technology in Second Language Teaching)
- English 215A (Reading/Vocabulary Acquisition)
- English 215C (Pedagogical Grammar for TESOL)
- English 220A (Teaching College Composition)
- English 220C (Teaching Basic Writing)

Admission Requirements

Graduate students must have completed a bachelor's degree (in any field) with a 3.0 overall GPA.

International students must meet one of the following minimum requirements for the TOEFL:

- 600 or higher on the traditional TOEFL, with a score of 5 on the Test of Written English (TWE);
- OR 250 or higher on the computerized TOEFL, with a score of 5 on the Test of Written English;
- OR 100 or higher on the *ibt* TOEFL, with a minimum of 24 on the writing section.

Procedures for Application & Completion

Students must be in a degree program at Sacramento State and apply to the TESOL Coordinator for admission to the program by filling out the application form with the TESOL Coordinator. To complete the program and receive the certificate, students must meet with the TESOL coordinator again in the semester in which they take the last TESOL course.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the TESOL Certificate qualify me to teach in the K-12 system in the US?

The Certificate in TESOL is **not** a teaching credential. It is recognized abroad as advanced training in language teaching. In conjunction with a bachelor's or master's degree or a state teaching credential, it may also be helpful in obtaining employment as an ESL teacher in the United States.

In what order should I take the courses?

English 110A and English 110P must be completed before any 215 course. English 110Q must be completed before attempting English 215C.

Contact Information

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