TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE: 18-19

- This option is intended primarily for graduate students who want to pursue an MA in English or another field, but also want to be prepared to teach ESL writing at the college level.
- Graduate students must have a completed bachelor’s degree (in any field) with a 3.0 overall GPA.
- Students must either be in a degree program at Sacramento State or must apply for graduate admission to the University. Once admitted to Sacramento State, prospective TESOL Certificate students must apply to the TESOL Coordinator for admission to the program.
- International students must have a TOEFL score of 600 or higher (or a score of 250 or higher on the computerized TOEFL) and a score of 5 on the Test of Written English.
- Courses must be completed with grades of "B" or better.
- All coursework for the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Certificate must be taken at Sacramento State.
- The following courses may not be included towards the minor: ENGL 1, 1C, 1X, 2, 2X, 3, 3M, 5, 5M, 10, 10M, 11, 11M, 20, 20M, 60, 60M, 85, 86, 87, 109M, 109W, or 109X.

REQUIRED COURSES

REQUIRED LOWER-DIVISION COURSES: 15 units

ENGL 110A Linguistics and the English Language (3)
ENGL 110P Second Language Learning and Teaching (3)
ENGL 110Q English Grammar for ESL Teachers (3)
ENGL 215B ESL Writing/Composition
ENGL 410B Internship-ESL Teaching

ELECTIVE COURSES

UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVE ENGLISH COURSES: 3-4 units

Select one (1) of the following:

ENGL 200E Curriculum and Assessment Design for Language Classrooms (3)
ENGL 210C Technology in Second Language Teaching (3)
ENGL 215A Reading/Vocabulary Acquisition (3)
ENGL 215C Pedagogical Grammar for TESOL ¹, ² (3)
ENGL 220A Teaching College Composition (4)
ENGL 220C Topics in Composition Studies (4)

TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS: 

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

¹ ENGL 110A and ENGL 110P must be completed before any ENGL 215 course
² ENGL 110Q must be completed before attempting ENGL 215C.

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