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Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Certificate Option A

Program Goals

Prepare undergraduate students and others who want to teach ESL students abroad.

Program of Study

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

Required courses (9 units)

- English 110A (Linguistics and the English Language)
- English 110P (Second Language Learning and Teaching)
- English 110Q (Grammar for ESL Teachers)

Electives (6 units)

Select two of the following:

- English 125E (Academic Reading and Writing for Second Language Students)
- English 125F (Teaching Oral Skills)
- English 110C (Technology in Second Language Teaching)

Admission Requirements

Undergraduates must be within 45 units of completing a bachelor's degree (in any field) with a 3.0 overall GPA. *Graduate students* must have completed a bachelor's degree (in any field) with a 3.0 overall GPA.

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?

You can take the courses in any order:

- English 110A, English 110P, and English 110Q are offered every semester.
- English 125E and English 125F are offered once per year: 125E (fall), 125F (spring).
- English 110C is offered irregularly.

Contact Information

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