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The Master's International Program in TESOL

A Joint Training Program in Partnership with the Peace Corps

Program Goals

- Provide Peace Corps volunteers with solid training and an academic degree which will help them during and after Peace Corps service
- Give participants the opportunity to earn academic credit toward the MA in TESOL in conjunction with their Peace Corps service
- Assist the Peace Corps and host countries by providing them with volunteers who are well prepared to teach English and to train national English teachers
- Enrich the graduate program in TESOL by broadening our student population to include those with international goals and experience

Strengths of the TESOL Program at CSUS

- Well-established program (since 1983)
- Committed and experienced faculty
- Multiple opportunities to gain teaching experience
- Rigorous and practical academic training

Program of Study

Curriculum	Suggested Plan of Study
<p><u>Required Courses (27 units)</u></p> <p>Three courses (9 units):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ English 200D (Research in TESOL) ➤ English 410B (ESL Teaching Internship) ➤ English 598T (Culminating Experience) <p>Six of the following seven courses (18 units):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ English 200E (Curriculum & Assessment Design) ➤ English 210B (Sociolinguistics & TESOL) ➤ English 210G (Second Language Acquisition) ➤ English 215A (Reading/Vocabulary Acquisition) ➤ English 215B (ESL Writing) ➤ English 215C (Pedagogical Approaches to Grammar) ➤ English 215D (Pedagogy of Spoken English) <p><u>Electives (6 units)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ English 299 	<p><u>Before Peace Corps Service (2 semesters)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complete outstanding prerequisites (see over for list of prerequisites) ➤ English 200D & English 410B ➤ Up to four courses from English 200E, English 215A, English 215B, English 215C, English 215D <p><u>During Peace Corps Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Earn six units of elective credit (English 299) by successfully completing several projects to be designed in consultation with the Program Advisor prior to leaving campus. <p><u>After Peace Corps Service (1-2 semesters)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remaining required courses, including English 598T (Culminating experience)

Financial Support for MI candidates

- Financial aid and graduate assistantships available to all MA TESOL students
- Exemption from tuition for credit earned during Peace Corps service
- Non-residents may apply for out-of-state tuition waiver

Admission Information

MI candidates must be admitted to the MA TESOL Program first and then apply for Peace Corps service. The admission requirements for the MA TESOL Program are as follows:

- A completed bachelor's degree in any field with an overall GPA of 3.0 and 3.0 over the final 60 semester units (or equivalent) of study
- 6 units of undergraduate prerequisites+, which cannot be more than seven years old and which must have been completed with grades of B or better:
 - English 110A: Linguistics & the English Language
 - English 110Q: Grammar for ESL Teaching

Equivalent coursework taken elsewhere must be approved by the TESOL Coordinator. Prerequisites may be taken at CSUS prior to admission to the MA TESOL Program. Under no circumstances do we award academic credit for work experience completed prior to admission to the TESOL Program.

How to Apply

- Submit an online application at http://www.csumentor.edu/admissionapp/grad_apply.asp
- Include all undergraduate transcripts (and post-graduate, if applicable)
- Check the Office of Graduate Studies website for deadlines:
<http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/FutureStudents/apply.html>
- Submit the completed supplemental department application packet to the TESOL Coordinator. This packet is available on the English Department website: http://www.csus.edu/engl/grad.html#tesol_ma

Contact the TESOL Coordinator if you need help in completing the application.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does the program take?

Following admission to the program (including completion of all program prerequisites), the MI program is designed as follows:

- * 1 year of coursework at CSUS before leaving for Peace Corps assignment
- * 2 years of Peace Corps service
- * 1-2 semesters of coursework following Peace Corps service to complete the MA.

Can I do my Peace Corps service first and complete the entire MA TESOL program after returning?

No. You may not participate in the MI Program unless you complete it as outlined above. Of course, like any other prospective student, you would be welcome to apply to the MA TESOL Program. However, you would not then be eligible to receive credit for your Peace Corps service or for tuition waivers intended for MI Program participants.

Is financial aid available?

In a public university, financial aid in general is scarce. For graduate students, it is limited primarily to loans and specialized scholarships. California residents may also apply for the California Graduate Fellowship program. We do, however, have some tuition waiver opportunities for MI candidates (see "Financial Support," above).

Are there opportunities to gain ESL teaching experience during the MA TESOL Program?

Yes! We have several available internship courses in the English Department, the Learning Skills Center, and in local community colleges. In addition, students may be eligible for paid graduate assistant or teaching assistant positions in English, Learning Skills, and the on-campus intensive English program.

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