GAIN SKILLS

Discover:
- Linguistic, psychological, and sociocultural factors in learning/teaching English as a second/foreign language
- Second language teaching methods
- How to plan a lesson and create teaching materials
- How to assess student learning

MINOR IN

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

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ABOUT US

WHY TESOL?

Interested in a career in teaching English abroad? Want to work with linguistically and culturally diverse people? The minor in TESOL offers the skills and knowledge necessary for teaching English to non-native speakers of English both domestically and internationally.

Whether you are primarily interested in learning about the field of linguistics or TESOL, this minor has what you need. The program’s combination of in-class training and out-of-the-classroom experience will give you the confidence you need to put your skills into practice after graduation. Now, as an AmeriCorps member serving ESL students in San Antonio, TX public schools, I am backed by the wealth of information and experience I gained during my studies.

- Emily Slomski, History Major and Linguistics Minor

WHAT YOU’LL TAKE

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ENG 220: Language & Society
Addresses major social issues related to language use in America.

ENG 320: Intro. to Linguistic Sciences
Basic concepts, scope, and methodology of the science of language in its descriptive and historical functions.

ENG 321: Linguistics
Modern English grammar with special attention to phrase and sentence-level syntax.

ENG 332: Linguistics Phonetics
Uses a linguistic approach to explore speech sounds as physical entities and as elements in language systems.

ENG 436: Theory & Research in ESL
Psychological and linguistic bases of language learning.

ENG 437: Methods & Materials in ESL
Study and practice of a variety of methods in teaching English as a second or foreign language.

ENG 438: TESOL Develop. & Assess.
Focuses on curriculum development and assessment.

ENG 457: Practicum in TESOL
Focuses on curriculum development and assessment and the use of materials to meet the specific needs of English language learners at various levels of proficiency.

CHECK SHEET

REQUIREMENTS

15 Credit Hours

Required:
ENG 320: Intro. to Linguistic Sciences
ENG 436: Theory & Research in TESOL
ENG 437: Methods & Materials in TESOL

Directed Electives:
Choose 2 classes from the following options: ENG 220, 321, 332, 438, 457.
ENG ________
ENG ________

* Four semesters or the equivalent in one or more modern or classical languages other than one’s native language are recommended.