

ADULT/UNIVERSITY LEVEL TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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UWM's TESOL certificate prepares students for a career teaching English to non-English speaking adults. TESOL is an internationally-recognized acronym that denotes the holder of the certificate has received specialized training in the methodologies of teaching English, second language acquisition, bilingualism, and multicultural awareness.

The use of English as a common language of communication has risen dramatically in the last few decades, and the demand for TESOL trained instructors is high in certain parts of the world. Asia, Central America, and South America are three particular hot spots where people have a strong desire learn English or improve their English language skills.

Students who love to travel often make a career out of traveling the globe, picking up jobs in various nations. Others stay closer to home and find similar positions in the U.S. teaching English to immigrants, visitors, foreign students, or others who have not learned English as their first language. TESOL is a dynamic profession that combines innovation and creativity with interactions in culturally-diverse communities.

The Adult/University-Level TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Graduate Certificate Program is designed to meet the needs of graduate non-degree students or graduate students concurrently enrolled in a UWM master's or PhD program. Requirements for this program are very similar to those for the undergraduate-level "Adult/University-Level TESOL Certificate Program" but is more rigorous and can be applied (concurrently or subsequently) to the Master of Arts program in Linguistics.

Admission Requirements

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Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

Application

- Students wishing to obtain this certificate must declare their intention by applying to the program office or director.
- All graduate certificate applicants—even those already enrolled in a UWM graduate program—must apply to the Graduate School (<https://uwm.edu/applygrad/>).
- Graduate degree and previously admitted graduate non-degree students who decide to pursue a certificate program must submit the application before completing 6 credits in the certificate sequence.

- Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted into a certificate program.
- Submit the following materials to the TESOL Certificate Program Coordinator in the Department of Linguistics:
 - Adult/University-Level TESOL Graduate Certificate Program application form (available from the Linguistics Department office).
 - Transcripts of all college-level academic work, with evidence of a GPA of 2.75 or better.
 - A statement of purpose.
 - Two letters of recommendation from persons knowledgeable about the applicant's recent academic and/or work experience.
 - Applicants who are not native speakers of English should also submit TOEFL scores of at least 550 (paper-based test) or 79 (internet-based test), or at least 6.5 on the IELTS exam, and 45 on the TSE, or an equivalent means of demonstrating proficiency.

Eligibility and Admission

Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted in to a certificate program.

Credits and Courses

Students are required to complete the six courses (18 credits) plus teaching internship (3 credits) outlined below.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
LINGUIS/MALLT 708	Proseminar in Linguistics	3
LINGUIS 810	Methodologies in English Language Teaching	3
LINGUIS 720	Introduction to Second Language Acquisition	3
LINGUIS 741	Introduction to TESOL Methods	3
LINGUIS 430G or ANTHRO 570G	Language and Society Issues in Bilingualism	3
Electives		
Select one of the following:		3
CURRINS 655G	Applied Educational Linguistics	
ENGLISH 404G	Language, Power, and Identity	
LINGUIS 715	First Language Acquisition	
LINGUIS 761	Introduction to Phonology	
LINGUIS 764	Introduction to Syntax	
LINGUIS 768	Language in its Various Forms:	
LINGUIS 770	Historical and Comparative Linguistics	
LINGUIS 861	Advanced Phonology	
LINGUIS 864	Advanced Syntax	
LINGUIS/ED PSY 748		
LINGUIS 806	Seminar in Linguistics: (Subtitle)	
Teaching internship		
LINGUIS 869	Practicum in Teaching ESL to Adult Learners	3
Total Credits		21

Additional Requirements

Transfer Credit

No more than 6 credits may be taken at an institution other than UWM. These courses are subject to Graduate School transfer policy and must be approved by the director of the certificate program. Students who have completed any of the required courses for undergraduate credit must substitute other courses at the graduate level, selected in consultation with the certificate program coordinator to fulfill the credit requirements.

Grade Point Average Requirement

A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average in certificate courses taken at UWM is required.

Articulation with Degree Programs

1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
 - Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.
 - All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the degree. (Note: Students in PhD programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)
 - Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.
2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.
3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.
4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.

Time Limit

Certificate program time limits shall be established as follows:

- 18 or fewer credits/Three years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.
- 19 or more credits/Four years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.

For certificates that are designed as add-ons to degree programs and are awarded concurrent with the degree, the time limit shall be the same as that of the degree program.