

## Graduate TESOL Certificate

*Please note that the information on the Graduate Studies page and some of the information in the Graduate Catalog contains errors. This document should be considered definitive until at least August 2019.*

### Vision Statement

The Department of English offers students the opportunity to obtain a certificate in TESOL. This is a rigorous 12-hour/4-course certificate. Normally, students are able to complete the certificate requirements within three semesters.

TESOL students undertake an intensive study of linguistics, applied linguistics, and language pedagogy. Students must demonstrate proficiency in linguistic theory, the linguistic structure of English, common pedagogies for teaching English in the classroom, and second language acquisition theory. The TESOL Certificate is particularly helpful for those who wish to teach adult learners of English and those who seek employment teaching English in other countries.

A TESOL Certificate does not certify a graduate to teach in Nebraska public schools. Instead, it is an academic credential meant for teachers already certified in other areas, for people who plan to teach in venues other than public schools, and for anyone who works in some capacity with non-native speakers of English.

Students in Teacher Education or in Speech Pathology should contact the TESOL director for a specialized program of study.

### Program Contact Information

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### Prerequisite

ENGL 3615/8615 Introduction to Linguistics. This can be fulfilled at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Equivalent courses from other institutions will be considered.

### Required Courses

- 1) ENGL 8656 Structure of English
- 2) One course from the following list:
  - FLNG 8030 Seminar: SLA Theory
  - ENGL 8740 Seminar: Discourse, Culture, & Power
- 3) One course from the following list:
  - ENGL 8770 L2 Composition Pedagogy
  - FLNG 8040 Assessment & Curriculum Design

- TED 8006 Methods in Teaching FL & ESL
- 4) At least one additional course from the following list:
- FLNG 8020 Seminar: FL/TESOL Research
  - ENGL 8775 Writing Center Theory, Pedagogy, & Research<sup>1</sup>
  - ENGL 8020 Seminar: College Writing Instruction (fall, GTAs only)
  - ENGL 8756 Composition Theory and Pedagogy<sup>1</sup>
  - ENGL 8006 English Internship<sup>1</sup>

Students may not repeat any courses already taken at the undergraduate level. Under special circumstances, the TESOL Certificate director may approve up to six hours of substitutions.

<sup>1</sup>With a TESOL-focused project.

*The linguistics faculty strongly recommends that students become proficient in a second language.*

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