

# TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES MINOR

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is a six-course minor that provides essential training for the challenging task of teaching the English language at home or abroad in private language schools, community centers or bilingual programs, and in other contexts that do not require state certification. A minor in TESOL incorporates important pedagogical training that prepares students to teach English with both cultural and linguistic sensitivity. This minor opens doors to opportunities to travel, live, and work around the globe. Students who are interested in TESOL might also be interested in studying linguistics, including areas such as dialectology and forensic linguistics. While completion of a TESOL minor does not certify students to teach English as a second or foreign language, it does offer undergraduate students numerous professional and volunteer opportunities. TESOL can be combined with any number of majors or minors and enhances students' applications for fellowships such as the Fulbright. The coursework also provides general background for related graduate study and equips students to serve as English language teachers in the United States and in other countries.

As an increasingly interdisciplinary field, Linguistics is closely related to many other academic fields including Autism Studies, Classical and Modern Languages, Communication Studies, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Education, English, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and TESOL. Students of Linguistics often pursue careers as clinical psychologists, educators, information technology specialists, lawyers, linguists, marketing and advertising consultants, social workers, speech pathologists, speech therapists, teachers, translators and interpreters.

## Learning Goals and Outcomes

**Goal 1:** Students will know what the field of linguistics is and understand how language works.

**Outcome 1.1:** Identify the main areas of linguistic analysis by providing relevant examples and explaining how linguistic analysis is used to describe how language works.

**Goal 2:** Students will know how to perform linguistic research.

**Outcome 2.1:** Conduct original linguistic research according to standards within the field.

**Goal 3:** Students will discuss linguistic topics and apply what they learn to real-life settings.

**Outcome 3.1:** Communicate effectively in oral presentations and discussions on linguistic-related topics.

**Outcome 3.2:** Analyze linguistic issues or problems (qualitatively or quantitatively) in real-life settings and formulate creative responses.

**Goal 4:** Students will be aware of and appreciate language differences that exist among speakers of the same or different languages in light of their own language background.

**Outcome 4.1:** Identify particular aspects of linguistic beauty and creativity in their various forms (i.e., sounds, instances of lexical variation, acquisition stages, morphological irregularities, etc.).

**Outcome 4.2:** Identify their own language beliefs and values as well as those of others and respectfully discuss linguistic differences that characterize speakers from various linguistic backgrounds.

## Requirements

A TESOL minor consists of 6 courses (18 credits) including the following:

Code	Title	Hours
LIN 203	English Grammar	3
LIN 301	Teaching Lang at Home/Abroad	3
Select four of the following:		12
LIN 200	Introduction to Linguistics	
LIN 150	First Year Seminar	
LIN 280	Second Lang Acquis & Lrning	
LIN 320	Phonetics	
LIN 340	Communication in Soc Contexts	
LIN 317	Sociolinguistics	
or LIN 401	Bilingualism & Lang Diversity	
EDU 246	Language and Culture w/ Field	
PHL 220	Logic	
PHL 240	Symbolic Logic	
PHL 474	Language and Thought	
PHL 475	Language and Meaning	
SOC 260	Language and the Law	
SOC 317	Sociolinguistics	
SPA 380	Intro to Spanish Linguistics	
SPA 381	Spanish Phonetics & Phonology	
SPA 460	Advanced Oral Communication	
SPA 461	Methods for Teaching Spanish	
SPA 466	Spanish Dialectology	
SPA 467	Lang Contact & Pol in U.S.	
SPA 480	Topics in Spanish Linguistics	
FRE 470	Topics in French	
or ITA 470	Topics in Italian	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>