

MASTER OF ARTS

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

The Master of Arts degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) is designed to provide further training to teachers who have already taken ESL endorsement courses, or professionals who work with language minority populations.

Students are eligible to apply for unconditional admission to the Master of Arts degree program in TESOL if they meet the following degree requirements:

1. Applicants must meet the admission requirements for Graduate College.
2. Applicants must hold a 3.00 grade point average on a 4.00 scale for the final 60 semester hours of undergraduate study.
3. Two letters of recommendation.

Applicants who fail to meet all of the departmental requirements may be accepted conditionally provided the deficiencies are completed prior to the completion of twelve semester hours of graduate work.

Applicants who fail to meet the grade point requirement specified for unconditional admission may be admitted conditionally to enroll for a maximum of twelve semester hours. If a student was admitted conditionally based on grade point average, the condition will be met if upon completion of twelve semester hours a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better is achieved.

The director of the program will assign a faculty advisor to each student admitted to the degree program. The advisor will assist the student in the design of a curriculum of study that leads to the fulfillment of degree requirements. Subsequently, the academic advisor, the Department Graduate Committee, and the Graduate College monitor the student's progress through the program. It remains, however, the student's responsibility to understand and to satisfy all degree requirements.

Students who have been granted conditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy for the degree upon the completion of twelve hours with a 3.00 grade point average or better and completion of all deficiencies. Students who have been granted unconditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy upon completion of twelve hours with a 3.00 grade point average or better. Students who do not submit an "Application for Admission to Candidacy" prior to the end of the semester in which the student becomes eligible will not be allowed to register for subsequent graduate classes.

Degree Requirements

1. The satisfactory completion of the following 36 semester hours of graduate work.

Core Requirement ESL Endorsement (12 hours)

TESL 5023 Tesol Second Language Acquisition
TESL 5703 Tesol Methods: Teaching English as a Second Language
TESL 5713 Tesol Assessment
TESL 5723 Tesol Teaching People of Other Cultures

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Unconditional Admission

Conditional Admission

Academic Advisors

Admission to Candidacy

TESOL Core (9 hours)

TESL 6003 Linguistics
TESL 6013 Modern English Grammar and Usage
TESL 6023 Language and Society

Methodology (6 hours)

TESL 6033 Tesol Methods: Oral Communication
TESL 6043 Tesol Methods: Written Communication

Assessment (3 hours)

TESL 6053 Tesol Assessment Strategies

and

The satisfactory completion of six hours of the Field Experience Practicum, either:

TESL 6066, or TESL 6076, or TESL 6086.

Field Experience Practicum (6 hours)

TESL 6066 Public School Experience or
TESL 6076 Intensive English Internship or
TESL 6086 Overseas Internship

2. The satisfactory completion of 36 credit hours of graduate work, 24 of which must be at the 6000 level.
3. Grades in all graduate courses must be "B" or better to be counted toward the TESOL degree.

**Special Conditions of
Graduate Credit
Graduate Credit Taken
Prior to Admission to
Arkansas Tech University**

A maximum of nine semester hours of graduate credit with a grade point average of "B" or better may be transferred from an accredited graduate school if deemed appropriate to the graduate program by the head of the student's major department and the Dean of Graduate College. Students must send a written request to the head of their major department to petition an acceptance of the transfer credit prior to requesting admission to candidacy to the graduate program. Graduate credit earned six years prior to the completion date of all degree requirements may not be applied toward the degree without the approval of the appropriate program director and the Dean of Graduate College. Credits earned by correspondence courses or for remedial purposes will not apply toward the graduate degree. No undergraduate course may be repeated for graduate credit.

**Graduate Credit Taken
After Admission to
Arkansas Tech University**

If after admission to graduate study, a student wishes to take a course at another institution to count toward degree requirements at Arkansas Tech University, the student must, in advance of enrollment, obtain written approval from the program director and the Dean of Graduate College.