

Why should I study TESOL at Southeast?

The TESOL degree is designed to train professionals to teach people who are learning to speak English as another language. MA TESOL program attracts both domestic students and international students from many countries; it emphasizes the practical application of theory to the classroom. Students design a program of language instruction for their own particular settings and learn to revise, adapt and assess the program as they progress in their studies.

Southeast offers traditional face to face courses for those students who would like to come on campus and online classes for those students who prefer to take courses at any country of the world. The online program has been widely recognized as a high quality online program. U.S. News & World Report ranks Southeast's TESOL program as a [Top Online Education Program](#).

TESOL students will...

- Acquire a basic knowledge of linguistics with emphasis on English structure, its usage, and its role in the society
- Appreciate the application of theory to teaching, the hands-on approach to the development of curricula and assessment
- Develop ability to conduct research under precise supervision
- The practicum experience, the assistance with the job placement process, and the accessibility and affordability of the training experience.

Current admission requirements:

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have an undergraduate GPA of 2.5 on a 4 point grade scale.

Student Organizations:

Student membership in the Southeast TESOL Club, MIDTESOL and the International TESOL organization are encouraged.

International Cooperation:

For the purpose of facilitating a collaborative English teaching program, Southeast Missouri State University has Articulation Agreements with Sichuan Normal University (China) and Vinnytsa State Pedagogical University (Ukraine), as well as a Memorandum of Understanding with Moscow City Teachers' Training University. International Graduate students are eligible for a scholarship.

Teaching Assistantships:

Domestic and International students are eligible for competitive teaching assistantship to teach beginning composition courses and/or tutor for the Writing Center. Teaching assistants in MA TESOL might be assigned to teach intensive English courses to international students. Assistantships carry a stipend and a tuition waiver.

Career planning information:

As an internationally, nationally, and regionally recognized program of excellence, TESOL prepares teachers for the K-12, adult, college or university setting for teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Graduates will work with children in pre-school through high school, in adult education programs with refugees and immigrants, or in college and university programs. The workplace may be within the United States or overseas.

MA TESOL graduates work in the USA as ESL instructors, International educators, International program coordinators in Arizona State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Kansas State University, etc.

MA TESOL graduates work overseas as English language instructors in Seoul National University, Korea and Taihab University, Saudi Arabia; as Executive manager, Future Horizons Institute, Saudi Arabia. MA TESOL graduates pursue Ph.D. programs in Southern Illinois University in Curriculum and Instruction program with a focus on Language, Literacy, and Culture (TESOL) and Learning Systems Design and Technology; Kansas State University in Curriculum and Instruction program; University of Memphis in Applied Linguistics program.

This is a guide based on the 2018-2019 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use DegreeWorks to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

TESOL – 36 hours required **Required Courses:**

- ___ EN686 Sociolinguistics (3)
- ___ TL525 ESL/EFL Learning and Teaching (3)
- ___ TL530 Practicum in TESOL (3)
- ___ TL585 Methods and Curriculum Design for Teaching ELLs (3)
- ___ TL620 Approaches to Teaching of Grammar (3)
- ___ TL625 Assessment Strategies for ELLs (3)
- ___ TL630 Special Problems in TESOL (3)

Choose 3 hours:

- ___ TL648 Foundations in Linguistics (3)
- ___ UI501 Principles of Language (3)

Choose 3 hours:

- ___ GR691 Methods of Research (3)
- ___ TL601 Research Methods in TESOL (3)

Choose 9 hours:

- ___ EN606 Topics, Issues, and Trends in English (3)
- ___ SE641 Multicultural Education (3)
- ___ TL610 Developing Intercultural Awareness and Competence (3)
- ___ TL650 Strategies and Techniques for Teaching Academic
Language Skills to English Language Learners (3)

The 9 electives hours are not confined to the three courses listed above. Students will be advised to select courses that are appropriate to their field of interest. These fields may include composition, literature, education, foreign languages, etc.

Recommended sequence of required coursework:

The first year: TL525, TL585, TL601, TL 610 TL648,

The second year: EN686, TL530, TL620, TL625, TL630

Summer classes are available. Students are encouraged to work with their advisor to design an initial study plan that is tailored to their specific needs based on their previous experience.

Program requirements:

The TESOL program requires practical experience before completion of the program. Candidates meet the 36-hour requirement through course work and complete the following capstone options:

1. A non-thesis graduate paper and comprehensive exam;
2. A portfolio and comprehensive exam;
3. A thesis and oral defense.