

Master of Arts (M.A.)

The Master of Arts in TESOL degree is designed to train professionals to teach people who are learning to speak English as another language. Graduates 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. The program emphasizes the practical application of theory to the classroom. Students design a program of language instruction for their own particular setting and learn to revise, adapt and assess the program as they progress in their studies.

TESOL students will...

- Acquire basic knowledge of linguistics with emphasis on English structure, its usage, and its role in the society
- Design a program of language instruction for their own particular setting and learn to revise, adapt and assess the program as they progress in their studies
- Appreciate the application of theory to teaching, the hands-on approach to the development of curricula and assessment, the practicum experience, the assistance with the job placement process, and the accessibility and affordability of the training experience

Why should I study TESOL at Southeast?

Southeast offers traditional face to face classes and an online MATESOL program. Southeast's face to face MATESOL program attracts both domestic students and international students from many countries. Southeast has offered MATESOL program entirely online since 2008. The 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](#). The TESOL degree is designed to train professionals to teach people who are learning to speak English as another language. The program emphasizes the practical application of theory to the classroom.

Career Planning

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.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have the following:

1. An undergraduate GPA of 2.5 on a 4 point scale.

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This is a guide based on the 2016-2017 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

- EN 686 Sociolinguistics (3)
 - TL 525 Theories of ESL/EFL Learning (3)
 - TL 530 Practicum in TESOL (3)
 - TL 585 Methods of Techniques of TESOL (3)
 - TL 601 Research Methods in TESOL (3)
 - OR
 - GR 691 Methods of Research (3)
 - TL 620 Approaches to the Teaching of Grammar (3)
 - TL 625 Materials Development & Assessment Tools for TESOL (3)
 - TL630 Special Problems in TESOL (3)
 - TL 648 Foundations in Linguistics (3)
 - OR
 - UI501 Principles of Language (3)
- Elective Courses – Choose 9 hours:
- EN606 Topics, Issues and Trends in English (3)
 - SE641 Teaching in a Multicultural Society (3)
 - TL610 Developing Intercultural Competence (3)
 - TL 650 Approaches to Second Language Literacy Instruction

The 9 electives hours may not be confined to the 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, TL648/UI501, TL585, TL601
 The second year: TL620, TL630, TL530, TL625, EN686

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.

Degree Requirements

The TESOL program requires practical experience before completion of the program. Placements may be at schools, in an Intensive English Program, in a College or University based ESOL program, or in an Adult Education Program.

Candidates meet the 36-hour requirement through course work to be eligible to submit a non-thesis paper and take the comprehensive exam.

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](#), [Vinnytsia State Pedagogical University](#) and [TESOL Certificate Studies of the Asian EFL Journal](#), as well as a Memorandum of Understanding with [Moscow City Teachers' Training University](#).

International Graduate students get a scholarship.

Teaching Assistantships

The English Department offers teaching assistantships to graduate students who 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.